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Dear Ms Homoki,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REF No: **497480**

Thank you for your information request, received on 16/07/2019.

You requested the following information: Thank you for publishing your spend data here: <https://www.islington.gov.uk/search?q=expenditure+for&via=docs&sortOrder=datedsc>. However, I notice that you haven't published any spending data since February 2019. I'd like to make a request under the Freedom of Information Act for all transactions over £500 from March 2019 to at most a quarter in arrears from the date at which you publish in response to this request. Please provide the data in a machine readable format (preferably csv). As a minimum, please make sure to include the date, value and recipient of each transaction. Please also provide details on the procurement category of each transaction if you have it.

Our response: - The council publishes council spending data on a quarterly basis which includes the information you have requested.

We are therefore refusing this request and this email acts as a refusal notice. The exemption applied is Section 22 - Information Intended for Future Publication. Section 22 is a qualified exemption and requires a public interest test to be carried out. The reasons for and against disclosure are listed below.

Public Interest in favour of disclosure:

- The council needs to be transparent with regards to its council spending data which it will be by publishing this on its website.

Public Interest in favour of withholding:

- Prior to receiving your request the council had taken the decision to publish the information you are seeking on a quarterly basis.

If you would like this document in large print or Braille, audiotape or in another language, please telephone 020 7527 2000.



- This information will be published quarterly, and the most recent information will always be available on the website.

Due to the time taken to collate and check this information, the council believes that it is reasonable to refuse to provide the information at this time.

The most recent information can be found by clicking here.

<https://www.islington.gov.uk/about-the-council/information-governance/freedom-of-information/popular-data/council-spending>

We understand that the latest quarterly council spending data is overdue and are working on getting this published to the website as soon as possible.

If you are not satisfied with the way in which your request has been handled or the outcome, you may request an internal review within two calendar months of the date of this response by contacting: Information Complaints, Information Governance Team, Resources, 4th Floor, 7 Newington Barrow Way, Islington, N7 7EP. Email: infocomplaints@islington.gov.uk

Further information is also available from the Information Commissioner's Office, at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone: 01625 545 700. Web: www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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