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Your reference: 11779655.1/CEO

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Dear Bitu Hudson

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000
VOA ref: 11779655.1/CEO

Thank you for your request received on 17 October 2016, which we are treating as a request for information under the FOIA.

Your request for Information under the FOIA:

"I am a transport planner working for AECOM. We are currently working on a project for which we need to split the workplace population into our model zones. To do so we would need the office floor areas and attributed of properties. Will you please let me know how we can access the VOA data for Warrington District."

Response to your request:

As required by section 1(1)(a) of the Act I can confirm that the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) holds some of the information falling within the scope of your request.

Under section 21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is already reasonably accessible to you.

The information you requested is available online using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/business-floorspace-experimental-statistics>

Office floor space for Warrington is available in 'Table 3.3: Offices, Administrative Areas in England and Wales, Floorspace'.

We plan to update the floor space statics by the end of 2016. See footer 1 of 'VOA official statistics timetable' for more information.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/valuation-office-agency-statistics-timetable>

In answering your request I have interpreted it as a request for total office floor area in Warrington District. If this is incorrect, I need more clarity from you so that I can either locate or better understand the information you are requesting. This includes further clarification on the statement '*attributed of properties*'.

I request this clarification under section 1(3) of the FOIA and I include an Appendix which sets out the legislation in full.

If you are dissatisfied with this reply you may request a review by email to:
foi@voa.gsi.gov.uk

Alternatively, you can make a request by writing to:
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A request for a review must be received within 2 months of the date of this letter. To assist our review, please set out which aspects of the reply concern you and why you are dissatisfied.

If you are not content with the outcome of our review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the Valuation Office Agency. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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Appendix- Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/contents>

Section 21 of the (FOIA) relates to information accessible to an applicant by other means;

(1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

(2) For the purposes of subsection (1) -

(a) Information may be reasonably accessible to the applicant even though it is accessible only on payment, and

(b) Information is to be taken to be reasonably accessible to the applicant if it is information which the public authority or any other person is obliged by or under any enactment to communicate (otherwise than by making the information available for inspection) to members of the public on request, whether free of charge or on payment.

(3) For the purposes of subsection (1), information which is held by a public authority and does not fall within subsection (2)(b) is not to be regarded as reasonably accessible to the applicant merely because the information is available from the public authority itself on request, unless the information is made available in accordance with the authority's publication scheme and any payment required is specified in, or determined in accordance with, the scheme.