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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 19/20-215 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am aware that all Billing Authorities hold records of businesses that have or have not applied for small business rates relief.

We would like to obtain a list of businesses who are not receiving small business rates relief. If this information relating to unclaimed small business rates relief is available on the website then please also indicate when the requested information (spreadsheet or website) has been updated.

I therefore request a breakdown of businesses who are not receiving small business rates relief with a Rateable Value between £12,000 and £15,000 since 2017, including the following information:

- A) The name of each business in respect of which non-domestic rates are payable.
- B) The Rateable value of the property
- C) The address of the business in respect of which non-domestic rates apply

Response:

In respect of those requests that were answered in full or partially and the total refused please take this as notice under FOIA, that we:

- a) Consider the information as exempt from disclosure under the Act;
- b) Claim exempt under sections of the Act:

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

- c) State why the exemption applies:

We receive a number of request for information which relate to Business Rate Accounts (non-domestic properties). To address these requests we are now publishing specific information on our Open Data page monthly.

The following datasets are available to you on this page:

- ***Business Rates Relief***
- ***Business Rates Write On Accounts***
- ***Business Rates Accounts in Credit***

The information that you have requested forms part of one of the above mentioned datasets. I have provided a link below to the Open Data page for your ease of reference. Therefore as the information is accessible to you via other means, the request is refused under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

www.eastcambs.gov.uk/notices/open-data

Section 21 (Information accessible to the 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.***

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 19/20-215

If information has been refused please treat this as a Refusal Notice for the purposes of the Act.

If you disagree with our decision or are otherwise unhappy with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you may approach foi@eastcambs.gov.uk. and request a review.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under s50 of the Freedom of Information Act to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.