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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 19/20-237 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Can I please request a list detailing all current Rateable Hereditaments and which accounts are, and which are not, subject to some form rate relief (e.g. Small Business Rate Relief (SBRR), charitable, empty relief, retail relief). Please include the following columns where possible:
Full Address
Property Description (e.g. offices, workshop etc.)
Correspondence Address (if different from Full Address)
Account Name
Account No./Ref.
Property Ref
RV 2017
RV 2010
SBRR (discount, not multiplier) – yes or no
Current Retail Relief – yes or no
Vacant – yes or no
Other relief (e.g. charity, hardship, rural, community & amateur sports clubs etc.) – yes or no
Current liability start date
Actual annual rates charged (in Pounds)

Response:

In respect of those requests that where 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 if 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 19/20-237

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.