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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 20/21-402 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

Under the FOI Act 2000, please provide me with: a list of all the empty Commercial properties within the Council area since 01/01/2019 detailing:

- 1) Full address and postcode of property
- 2) Date the property has been empty from on or after 01/01/2019
- 3) Property Description: are premises Single or Mixed Use
 - a) If property is Mixed Use: please provide the different Categories eg storage or office etc
- 4) Business Class/Category: please provide relevant class / category, e.g. A1, A2 etc
- 5) Rateable square footage:
 - a) If Single Use, please provide rateable square footage
 - b) If Mixed Use, please provide individual square footage if applicable
- 6) Current rateable value
 - a) If Single Use, please provide current rateable value
 - b) If Mixed Use, please provide individual current rateable values
- 7) Freeholder Company Contact Details: the Company name and full Address

Response:

We have made the decision that during the time of Coronavirus and the government grants available to businesses, that we are no longer publishing or providing business rates information. This is to ensure against fraud. We will reinstate the publishing and provision of this information once we feel that the risk of fraud has subsided.

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 31(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

- c) State why the exemption applies:

31(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice - (a) the prevention or detection of crime.

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 20/21-402

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. A request for review must be made in no more than 40 working days from the date of this email.

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.