



# EAST CAMBRIDGESHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 21/22-260 please find your question and our response below.

## Request:

Please can you provide me with the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000: -  
The most up to date data you hold (please provide the date of the data) with;

- (a) List all Commercial properties with their Rateable Values and addresses.
- (b) The names and addresses of the Rate payers referred to above for each property and their correspondence address (if different from the property address)
- (c) The full billing authority reference for each property and account number (If possible)
- (d) The current liability payable for the year
- (e) The date the rateable occupier first became liable for the business rates
- (f) State if the property is empty and the date it became empty (If possible)
- (g) Please also state which hereditament is currently receiving any form of relief
  - I. Charitable rate relief (mandatory rate relief)
  - II. Discretionary rate relief
  - III. Empty property rate relief
  - IV. Listed building exemption
  - V. Retail Relief
  - VI. Small Business Rate Relief
  - VII. Covid retail relief
  - VIII. Any other reliefs or exemptions
- (h) If you publish the data please provide a link to the data and confirm the date that the data was extracted from the system

## Response:

This information is exempt from disclosure under Section 31 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. In respect of those requests that are answered in full, partially or 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) – Law Enforcement**

- 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.***

***Section 31(1)(a) provides an exemption where prejudice could be caused to allow potential fraudsters to use the information to identify business entities or individuals which were entitled to credits and / or relief. Once such a business or individual had been identified, there would be a number of avenues open to the fraudsters to seek to obtain funds.***

***Disclosure of this information would result in the need to implement disproportionate steps and additional expense to the public purse to counter an increased fraud risk that does not exist at present and this information will therefore not be released.***

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 21/22-260

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](mailto: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.