

FOI Reference Number: FOI/061/1920

Date: 10 June 2019

Request:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from your estates department:

- Commercial Properties currently owned by the council. (Data Quality as of Q1 2019)
- Complete Non-Residential / Business Property Rates Data (Data Quality as of Q1 2019)
 - - Billing Authority Property Reference Code (linking the property to the VOA database reference)
 - - Firm's Trading Name (i.e. property occupant)
 - - Full Property Address (Number, Street, Postal Code, Town)
 - - Occupied / Vacant
 - - Date of Occupation / Vacancy
 - - Actual annual rates charged (in Pounds)

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 20 May 2019.

Please find below Mid and East Antrim Borough Council's response to the information you requested in relation to property.

Further to your request for information dated 20 May 2019. Please see attached spreadsheet detailing the information requested.

There are a number of redactions applicable to this information as potentially commercially sensitive and personal data may be disclosed.

The withheld information has been withheld under Section 40 & 43(2) of the FOIA.

Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (personal information) is engaged. It has been identified that the release of trading names may identify individuals and as such, cannot be disclosed.

Section 43(2) exempts information whose disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (an individual, a company, the public authority itself or any other legal entity), as such the trading names (i.e. property occupants) have been withheld.

- **Billing Authority Property Reference Code (linking the property to the VOA database reference) - Included**
- **- Firm's Trading Name (i.e. property occupant) - Redacted**
- **- Full Property Address (Number, Street, Postal Code, Town) Included**
- **- Occupied / Vacant - Included**
- **- Date of Occupation / Vacancy - Included**
- **- Actual annual rates charged (in Pounds) - You have requested information on annual rates which should be obtained from Land & Property Services (LPS) at the Department of Finance. The website address is: <https://www.finance-ni.gov.uk>**

LPS will be able to provide you with the actual rate figures for each property. I have included within this spreadsheet, the LPS reference numbers for ease.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/061/1920 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeastantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.