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I write further to your email dated 14 September 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

Your request:

Please disclose under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your local authority's complete and most-recently updated list of all business (non-residential) property rates data including:

- Firm's trading name
- Full property address
- Occupation and vacancy status
- Date of occupation or vacancy

Can you also please disclose:

- The number of vacant commercial properties each financial year from 2015-16 to 2019-20;
- The number of vacant commercial properties from April 1 2020 to September 11 2020.

Can you please also break down the totals by the commercial property use class they fall under – A1 shops, A2 financial and professional services, A3 food and drink etc.

Our response:

Regarding our complete list of Non-Domestic Rate properties, I can confirm that North West Leicestershire District Council holds the information you have requested. However, the information you have requested is intended for future publication and is, therefore, exempt from disclosure under section 22 of the FOIA.

When applying an exemption under section 22 of the FOIA, the Council must consider whether to do so is in the public interest. In this case, we consider that the public interest favours withholding the information at this time because it will be available at a future date.

The Business Rate data is uploaded to our website on a quarterly basis.

https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/business_rate_accounts

In regards to the number of vacant properties for each financial year, please see the below. Please note, these figures reflect properties that were vacant from the beginning of each financial year.

Unfortunately, we are unable to breakdown the numbers into category classes, as we do not hold this detail on the system.

Year	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Vacant properties	1228	1164	1168	1300	1300	1328

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If you are dissatisfied with the information supplied please feel free to contact me on the number above for any queries in relation to this response. Please note that in responding to further enquiries I can only comment on the information contained within this correspondence and cannot provide any further information that may pertain to an additional FOIA request.

Please remember to quote the Authority's four digit reference number given at the top of this email in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk or the address above.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk.

Yours sincerely

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