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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1349**

I write further to your email dated 08 October 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:

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please would you provide me with a dataset comprising the UPRN (Unique Property Reference Number) and the BA Reference (Billing Authority Property Reference Code)\* relating to all business premises which are currently identified in your local authority's area for rating purposes. As I understand the UPRN is a key component of your Local Land and Property Gazetteer.

Our response:

I can confirm that North West Leicestershire District Council holds the information you have requested. However, the information is already available on our website and is, therefore, exempt from disclosure under sections 21 and 31 of the FOIA.

The property reference data you request can be found online already as such is section 21 of the FOIA applies:

[https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/business\\_rate\\_accounts](https://www.nwleics.gov.uk/pages/business_rate_accounts)

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

Section 31 applies to the BA references requested. Section 31(1) (a) allows a public authority to withhold information if its release would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

To apply the exemption under section 31, we are obliged to undertake a public interest test. In this case, it is considered that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it and that therefore the information is exempt from release because it may be used for criminal purposes.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk).

Yours sincerely

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