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Further to your information request FOI/EIR 15/16-661 please find your question and our response below.

Request:

I am looking for information under the freedom of information act 2000. I would like a full list businesses that have become newly responsible for business rates between the 1st Mar 16 to the 15th Mar 16.

Please include the business name and address and postcode. I would also like to know the date that they became responsible and type of business property and rateable value

Response:

In respect of those requests that where 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 22 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000

c) State why the exemption applies:

We receive a number of requests for information which relate to business rate accounts (non-domestic properties). To address these requests we are now publishing specific information on the Open Data page quarterly.

The following datasets are available to you on this page:

- ***Business Rates Relief***
- ***Business Rates Write On Accounts***
- ***Business Rate Accounts in Credit***
- ***Business Rates Empty Properties***

As the information you requested falls outside of the date frame published, the information will be included in the next version of this dataset and is therefore intended for future publication.

I have attached a link to the Open Data page below:

<http://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/notices/open-data>

As Section 22 is a qualified exemption, the public interest test will need to be considered. The Council have considered the public interest test and believe that the factors for withholding the information outweigh the factors in disclosure.

SECTION 22 (Information intended for future publication)

1) Information is exempt information if –

- The information is held by the public authority with a view to its publication, by the authority or any other person, at some future date (whether determined or not),***
- The information was already held with a view to such publication at the time when the request for information was made, and***
- It is reasonable in all the circumstances that the information should be withheld from disclosure until the date referred to in paragraph (a)***

2) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which falls within subsection (1).

This concludes your request FOI/EIR 15/16-661

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.

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.