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To: [REDACTED]
Subject: EIR-17-0124 - Empty Properties
Date: 20 January 2017 15:00:21
Attachments: [Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf](#)

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your information request of 19 January 2017. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested.

Could you please provide a list of all currently empty commercial properties within the Council area detailing:

- **Address**
- **Description (Office, Shop, Warehouse etc)**
- **Rateable value**
- **Name of the owner, organisation or company**
- **Length of time the properties have been empty.**

We wish to advise you that ACC regularly publishes information on business rates at the following link:

http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/business_trade/business_rates/bus_rates_statistics.asp.

This information is published and updated every 12 weeks and can be found in the 'All Rates Liabilities – including relief' report.

As information on **currently empty commercial properties within the Council area** is otherwise accessible on ACC's website at the link copied above, it is exempt from disclosure. In order to comply with its obligations under the terms of Section 16 of the FOISA, ACC hereby gives notice that we are refusing your request under the terms of Section 25(1) in conjunction with Section 25(3) - Information Otherwise Accessible - of the FOISA.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,

Grant Webster
Information Compliance Officer

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

As the information which you requested is environmental information, as defined under Regulation 2(1) of the Environmental Information (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (the EIRs), ACC considered that it was exempt from release through FOISA, and must therefore give you notice that we are refusing your request under Section 39(2) of FOISA (Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002). However, you have a separate right to access the information which you have requested under Regulation 5 of the EIRs, under which ACC has handled your request. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under the EIRs.

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