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Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ04472**

Thank you for your request for information relating to costs for the removal of the Nationwide Building Society, Hertford Street –

Can you please furnish me with a breakdown of costs for the removal of the Nationwide BS Hertford St, and any other related work in connection with this project? I would request the information to include labour as well material costs.

We can confirm that the demolition contract value is £104,701.00

Regarding the disclosure of a breakdown of the costs to include labour as well as material costs, the Council is of the view that the disclosure of these specific details would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of both the Council and individual contractors and that Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act is engaged, where disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person.

It is the Council's position that the third party contractor's and its own commercial interests would be prejudiced and/or would be likely to be prejudiced by the disclosure of the requested information.

The Council considers that the possible benefits of disclosure are outweighed by the real risk of causing prejudice to the commercial interests of the tenderers concerned and the Council itself. In this case there is an overriding public interest in ensuring that companies are able to compete fairly and in ensuring there is competition for public sector contracts. It is more probable than not that disclosure would prejudice both the successful tenderers' and the Council's commercial interests.

In applying this exemption the Council has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. In the case of the above cited information, the Council considers that the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the benefits of demonstrating openness and transparency of process at this stage.

Having considered the public interest, we have decided not to release the information.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are still unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above if you will be responding to this letter.

Yours faithfully

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