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Dear

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about Business Rates, which the Council received on 11th September, 2012. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested the following information:

A list of all business rates assessments that have been amended/effected following the issuing of The Non-Domestic Rating (Cancellation of Backdated Liabilities) Regulations 2012.

Please provide the following information:

- *Address of the property*
- *The Business Name of the owner/tenant (if an individual please omit the information)*
- *Property reference number*
- *The effective date from which you have amended the rating assessment in accordance with the above legislation*

Following careful consideration, the information you requested in points one to three falls under the exemption(s) in section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("The Act"), which relates to 'information reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means'.

The exemption applies as this information is published and publicly-available to view by accessing the following web page:

http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/200012/business_rates

With regard to point four of your request, following reasonable enquiries, it has been established that the Council does not hold the above information as we have no properties affected by this legislation. Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to this point, as per Section 1(1)(a) of the Act:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

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If you wish to apply to reuse the information you have requested or have any other issues relating to this request please do not hesitate to contact me.

I hope you feel that our response meets your request. However you have a right to make representations about the outcome or handling of your request – in the first instance this must be made in writing within 40 working days of the date of this letter, to the Council's Information Governance Team at:

Council House, Room 21a
Lower Ground Floor
Earl Street, Coventry.
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If you have done the above but are still dissatisfied, you then have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely
Karyn Wheatley

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