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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request ID: FOI686964482

Thank you for your request for information relating to Zizzi Food Standards Agency Report.

You have requested the following information:

## Can you provide the Food Standards Agency (FSA) report for Zizzi on Broadgate in Coventry which received a one-star hygiene rating in January?

In response to your request, we confirm we hold the information you have requested. However, this information is exempt from disclosure as there is currently an on-going investigation being conducted into Zizzi. Section 30(1) (a) (i) provides an exemption from disclosure of information which has been held at any time by a public authority for the purpose of any investigation which the authority has a duty to conduct with a view to it being ascertained whether a person should be charged with an offence. The Section 30 exemption applies to information that is held at any time, whether or not the investigation is on-going.

The Council considers that disclosure of the information you have requested would prejudice the exercise of the Council's statutory functions and its ability to conduct investigations such as in this matter.

Applications of Section 30 is subject to the public interest test. There are a number of factors that must be considered and weighed in the balance. These factors are that:

The public interest lies in enabling the Council to undertake inquiries as part of its investigation powers so that it can make regulatory decisions based on a firm factual basis and to gather such evidence and facts on a confidential basis. It is in the public interest to maintain this confidentiality,

as it encourages the free and frank exchange of information from third parties to the Council without which the Council could not perform its statutory functions.

Having carefully weighed the public interest relating to possible disclosure of the information requested, under Sections 30(1) we are satisfied that it is not appropriate at this time to disclose the information which the Council holds. The Council is satisfied that maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

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

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: <a href="mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk">infogov@coventry.gov.uk</a>

If you are 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 <a href="mailto:icocasework@ico.org.uk">icocasework@ico.org.uk</a>.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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