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**From:** Horsley, Steve  
**Sent:** 04 Februarv 2013 13:59  
**To:**  
**Subject:** FOI - 20089925 -

Dear

### Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information about ratepayers in receipt of mandatory and discretionary rate relief which the Council received on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2013. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have requested the following information:

Please provide the following information in respect of ratepayers that are currently in receipt of :

- Mandatory rate relief (s.43, S.45 & S64 LGFA 1988), or
- Discretionary rate relief : (s47 LGFA 1988), or
- both

In such circumstances please provide :

- property address (including postcode)
- property reference number
- ratepayer name
- % of relief granted

*Following careful consideration, the information you requested concerning **non domestic rates** 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 information from August 2012 onwards is published and publicly-available to view by accessing the following web page:*

[http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/2178/non\\_domestic\\_rates\\_foi\\_report](http://www.coventry.gov.uk/downloads/download/2178/non_domestic_rates_foi_report)

*The Council publishes this information as part of a managed regular programme of updates. This means that updates for Accounts Empty, Rateable values and Mandatory Relief will be published every 6 months. Credit balances will be produced and published monthly.*

*Personal data (information identifying individuals such as account holders for example) has been redacted (removed) from the spreadsheets. This information is caught by the exemption to disclosure in Section 40 (2) of the Act-relating to Personal Information and the related first condition of Section 40 (3) where disclosure would breach Data Protection principles, notably the first principle - fair and lawful processing.*

*In respect of information yet to be published, the Council considers that the provisions of Section 22 of the Act apply-relating to Information intended for Future Publication and it is deemed on this occasion that the public interest in disclosure now of information as yet unpublished is outweighed by the public interest in withholding the requested information until that time.*

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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:

Information Governance Team,  
Coventry City Council  
Room 21a, Lower Ground Floor,  
Council House,  
Earl Street  
Coventry. CV1 5RR  
[infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

If you are still dissatisfied with the outcome of the complaint and/or appeal under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, you 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

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