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Department: **Business Rates**
Title: **COVID-19 Funding 5th Potters Bar Scout Hall**
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Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)

Information relating to any grant made by Hertsmere Borough Council under any of the Government schemes introduced as a result of Covid-19 to the current registered business rates payer ("the Ratepayer") at the 5th Potters Bar Scout Hall, King George Playing Fields, Mutton Lane, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 3BS (reference 052456) ("the Premises") to include:-

1. Details of the specific Covid-19 relief scheme(s) grant payments have been made under by Hertsmere Borough Council to the Ratepayer at the Premises.
2. Details of the date on which any such payments were made, together with the exact sums and any correspondence (including internal) relating to the specific awarding of any grants.

Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)

The council confirms that it holds the information you have requested. The council refuses to disclose the information you have requested and relies upon the exemption contained in Section 41 (1) (b) Freedom of Information Act 2000. It is implicit in the relationship between the council and an applicant for grant aid that any information, especially financial details, supplied in the application and decision process will be kept confidential.

The public interest in upholding a reasonable expectation of a local business to preserve the confidentiality of its financial affairs in these circumstances outweighs the public interest in their disclosure.

If you have any queries about the processing of your request then please do not hesitate to contact me. Further information explaining the Council's process for responding to information requests together with a complaints/appeals procedure is available in our reception or via our website at:

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Thank you for your request.

Kind regards
Information Services

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