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Department: **Business Rates**  
Title: **Empty Homes and Commercial Properties**  
Description: **Empty Homes and Commercial Property details**

**Request: (As Redacted sent by requestor)**

**Empty Homes and Commercial Properties**

Could I please request details of vacant / long term empty

Homes and Commercial Properties / Commercial Land.

To be used for the purposes of securing for sale deals for property investment, seeking to invest in Homes, Commercial Sites and or Land.

**Response: (Response as Redacted sent by service)**

For commercial properties, the information is available on our website. You can analyse the list of businesses that we provide and anything with a start date under the empty column is (as far as we are aware) an empty property.

The link to this is:

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Business/Business-Rates/business-rates-freedom-of-information.aspx>

With regard the information regarding domestic properties. I can confirm that the council do hold this information but we will not be providing it after considering the following exemptions within the Data Protection Act:

Section 31(1)(a) - the prevention or detection of crime and – having decided that it is more in the public interest to withhold this information.

We have also applied section 40 (use of personal information).

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:

<https://www.hertsmere.gov.uk/Your-Council/Official-Publications--Guides--Policies/Access-to-Information.aspx>

The Information Commissioner oversees the application of the Freedom of Information Act. You may contact the Information Commissioner at:

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Wycliffe House, Water Lane  
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Telephone: 01625 545700  
Website: [www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)

Please include the above reference number on all correspondence related to this request.

Thank you for your request.

Kind regards

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