



Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>

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## Re: Information request (ref: 70416676)

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**Birmingham City Council** <infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk>  
To: owen.boswarva@gmail.com

14 January 2025 at 11:11

Dear Mr Boswarva,

I can confirm you have permission to re-use the information provided, please see attached link for more information.

[Open Government Licence](#)

Yours sincerely

Revenues Data Protection Team  
Digital & Customer Services, Finance Directorate

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**From:** [owen.boswarva@gmail.com](mailto:owen.boswarva@gmail.com)

**Sent:** Fri Jan 10 2025 12:05:21 GMT

**To:** [infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)

**Subject:** Re: Information request (ref: 70416676)

**(Attachments:)** Email (original message) from [owen.boswarva@gmail.com](mailto:owen.boswarva@gmail.com) received on 10/01/2025.eml, Email from [owen.boswarva@gmail.com](mailto:owen.boswarva@gmail.com) - Re: Information request .pdf

Dear Revenues Data Protection Team,

As I've explained, whether the information is publicly available is not relevant.

If you are unable or unwilling to provide a compliant response, please confirm that the Council will carry out an internal review of its handling of my re-use request.

Best regards,

Owen Boswarva

Contact details

e-mail: [owen.boswarva@gmail.com](mailto:owen.boswarva@gmail.com)

telephone: 0115 9810465 or 07375534122

address: 35 Cambridge Court Loughborough Road, West Bridgford, Nottingham NG2 7NN

On Fri, 10 Jan 2025 at 11:43, Birmingham City Council <[infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Boswarva,

The information you requested was already available from the Valuation Office Agency website and is available to be viewed by anyone. I can confirm that you do not need permission to use this information as it is public.

Yours sincerely

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**From:** [owen.boswarva@gmail.com](mailto:owen.boswarva@gmail.com)

**Sent:** Fri Jan 10 2025 10:15:24 GMT

**To:** [infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)

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Dear Revenues Data Protection Team

Thank you for your further email. However, I have not made any query.

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Alternatively, please treat this email as a request for an internal review of the Council's handling of my re-use request.

If you are unfamiliar with the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, you may find the ICO's guidance helpful: <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/eir-and-access-to-information/guide-to-rpsi/>

Best regards,

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On Fri, 10 Jan 2025 at 09:42, Birmingham City Council <[infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)> wrote:

Dear Mr Boswarva,

Freedom of Information requests are published in the Disclosure Log, so the information can be considered public, and permission is not required.

I trust this satisfies your query.

Yours sincerely

Revenues Data Protection Team  
Digital & Customer Services, Finance Directorate

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**From:** [owen.boswarva@gmail.com](mailto:owen.boswarva@gmail.com)

**Sent:** Fri Jan 03 2025 13:33:09 GMT

**To:** [infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)

**Subject:** Re: Information request (ref: 70416676)

**(Attachments:)** Email (original message) from [owen.boswarva@gmail.com](mailto:owen.boswarva@gmail.com) received on 03/01/2025.eml, Email from [owen.boswarva@gmail.com](mailto:owen.boswarva@gmail.com) - Re: Information request .pdf

Dear Revenues Data Protection Team,

Thank you for your response to my information request.

I note that you have not responded to my request for permission to re-use the disclosed information under the terms of the Open Government Licence, but that your cover email includes the following:

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I have already made such a notification in my original request email of 10 December 2024, as follows:

"Re-use request

"I further request, in accordance with regulation 6 of the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2015, permission to re-use all information provided in response to the above access to information request for the purpose of combining that information with data from existing open public datasets and making the outputs available to others in a re-usable electronic form under an open licence. I request that Birmingham City Council grants permission to re-use the information for this purpose either without restriction or under the terms of the Open Government Licence v3 (#) or an equally permissive licence. Given my intended use, any more restrictive licensing terms would be likely to "unnecessarily restrict" the way in which the information can be re-used, contrary to RoPSIR regulation 12.

"If any third party owns intellectual property rights in any of the above requested information, which the Council is not authorised to license as requested, please specify the relevant information and the name of the third party.

"Further information request

"If Birmingham City Council is unable to disclose any of the above requested information, or is unable to grant permission to re-use any of the information as requested, please also disclose any information that the Council holds explaining those restrictions or barriers, including any relevant contract or agreement to which the Council is a party or under which the Council is bound."

I trust the Council will respond to my re-use request within the statutory timescale i.e. by 13 January 2025. Thank you.

Best regards,

Owen Boswarva

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On Fri, 3 Jan 2025 at 11:35, Birmingham City Council <[infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk](mailto:infogovernance@birmingham.gov.uk)> wrote:



Information request  
Our reference: 70416676

Dear Mr Boswarva

Thank you for your request for information received on 10 December 2024.

Please find attached part 1 of 2, of our response to your request.

Yours sincerely

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Digital & Customer Services, Finance Directorate

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