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**Re: FOI and RPSI requests for current list of assigned council tax band of every domestic property in Lichfield District Council area**

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**Owen Boswarva** <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>  
To: LDC - Revenues <revenues@lichfielddc.gov.uk>

17 December 2024 at 09:51

[REDACTED], thank you for this further response.

Please refer this matter back to the Council's FOI team so that they can carry out an internal review. While UPRNs may not be widely used by the team that deals with Council Tax, my information request is directed to the Council in general. I think it is likely that the Council's planning function maintains a Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG) that includes UPRNs for all of the addresses on the Council Tax list – in which case that information is held by the Council and within scope of my information and re-use requests.

Best regards,

Owen Boswarva

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On Tue, 17 Dec 2024 at 09:36, LDC - Revenues <[revenues@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@lichfielddc.gov.uk)> wrote:

Mr Boswarva

We do not use UPRNs on all our Council Tax properties. The information provided has all properties with UPRNs attached.

I have checked with our FOI team, and we are happy for you to reuse the disclosed information. The information is publicly available and holds no personal information. However, they are checking with the Royal Mail regarding you using the postcodes.

Until the Royal Mail confirms you are able to use their postcode, please disregard this section of information.

An update will be issued once we get a reply from the Royal Mail.

Yours sincerely

[REDACTED]  
Revenues and Benefits Manager

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**Customer, Resident and Business Services**

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**From:** Owen Boswarva <[owen.boswarva@gmail.com](mailto:owen.boswarva@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 11, 2024 4:13 PM  
**To:** LDC - Revenues <[revenues@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@lichfielddc.gov.uk)>  
**Cc:** Generic - Enquiries <[enquiries@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@lichfielddc.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** Re: FOI and RPSI requests for current list of assigned council tax band of every domestic property in Lichfield District Council area

Thank you. However, this is not a complete or compliant response to my requests.

Nearly all of the UPRNs are missing from the attached list. It seems unlikely that the Council does not hold that information, but if so please confirm. Alternatively please tell me the basis on which the Council is withholding the information.

Please also respond to my request for permission to re-use the disclosed information under the terms of the Open Government Licence.

I would be grateful for a expanded response by return. Alternatively, please treat this email as a request for an internal review of the Council's response to my FOI and RPSI requests.

Best regards,

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On Wed, 11 Dec 2024 at 11:06, LDC - Revenues <[revenues@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:revenues@lichfielddc.gov.uk)> wrote:

Please see attached

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**From:** Owen Boswarva <[owen.boswarva@gmail.com](mailto:owen.boswarva@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 10, 2024 7:28 AM  
**To:** Generic - Enquiries <[enquiries@lichfielddc.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@lichfielddc.gov.uk)>  
**Subject:** FOI and RPSI requests for current list of assigned council tax band of every domestic property in Lichfield District Council area

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[Please direct this email to the Council's FOI team.]

Good morning,

Information request

I would like to request the Council's current list of all domestic properties within the Lichfield District Council area, including (at minimum) the full address, the assigned Council Tax band, the Council's property reference, and the Unique Property Reference Number (UPRN) for each property on the list.

My preference is to receive the above information electronically in a re-usable file format such as Excel or CSV.

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 Lichfield District Council grants permission to re-use the information for this purpose either without restriction or under the terms of the Open Government Licence v3 (<http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/3/>) 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 Lichfield District 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.

#### Additional notes

1. I think the Council Tax address list is most likely to be held by the Council's Council Tax team.
2. I am aware that the Valuation Office Agency provides an online lookup service for Council Tax bands, but do not consider that this service makes the bulk address data I am requesting "reasonably accessible" to me within the meaning of section 21 of the FOI Act.
3. I am aware that the Council published a dataset, similar to that which I am requesting, in 2016 under the Open Government Licence (OGL):

Lichfield District Council Council Tax Bandings by Property (archive of [Data.gov.uk](https://data.gov.uk) page)

<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/ukgwa/20180123031143/https://data.gov.uk/dataset/lichfield-district-council-council-tax-bandings-by-property>

4. You may be interested to know that Leeds City Council has recently published a 2024 version of its Council Tax address list, under the Open Government Licence (OGL):

Council tax bands of all properties in Leeds

<https://datamillnorth.org/dataset/em7lg/council-tax-bands-of-all-properties-in-leeds>

I understand from correspondence that, prior to this publication, Leeds consulted Ordnance Survey and established that there were no third-party licensing barriers to OGL licensing of the addresses and UPRNs, but that Royal Mail would likely object to the inclusion of postcodes. If you find that is also the position with Lichfield's Council Tax list, I am content to receive full addresses without postcodes.

Thank you for your attention to the above requests.

Best regards,

Owen Boswarva

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