

Request 6299

(SCDC) Industrial properties

Requestor called and spoke to Recovery Section and his FOI request is actually for a list of empty industrial properties.

Response

All of the information you have requested is held.

However, this information is refused under s 31 (1) 'information is exempt if its disclosure under this Act would be likely to, prejudice -(a) the prevention and detection of crime' we find that disclosure of these details are likely to have a significant negative impact on the prevention of crime.

There is a real risk that this information could be used for fraudulent activity and the disclosure of this ready collated information increases that risk of prejudice to the prevention of crime, in the form of criminal damage to property and squatting, arson and anti-social behaviour

We believe it is in the public interest to protect individuals, and to protect property. There is also a strong public interest in avoiding personal distress to the victims of crime and in relation to damage to properties those in the neighbourhood may be negatively affected. The risk of prejudice to the prevention and protection of crime ranging from anti -social behaviour to identity fraud at significant public expense means the public interest in avoiding prejudice and maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure.