

## **Annex - Reasons for not providing information (As referenced in paragraph 4 and 5 above)**

### An exemption applies

An exemption under section 38(1)(b) of FOISA (personal information) applies to some of the information requested as it is personal data of a third party, this may result in individual/ individuals being identified. Disclosing this information would contravene the data protection principles in Article 5(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation and in section 34(1) of the Data Protection Act 2018.

This exemption is not subject to the 'public interest test', so we are not required to consider if the public interest in disclosing the information outweighs the public interest in applying the exemption.

Yours sincerely

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