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Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INTERNAL REVIEW - FOI-7516

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Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>
To: FOI Officer <FOI.Officer@northtyneside.gov.uk>

5 March 2026 at 13:38

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your further response below with respect to my access to information request of 2 February 2026 (your reference FOI-7516).

On the face of it, the Council's reliance on section 43(2) of the FOI Act is unlikely to be well-founded. Even if the Council considers that the UPRNs corresponding to the properties on the Council Tax list are subject to third-party intellectual property rights owned by Ordnance Survey, OS's [Open Identifiers policy](#) permits members of the Public Sector Geospatial Agreement (which includes North Tyneside Council) to share UPRNs appended to their own data under the terms of the Open Government Licence. National lists of UPRNs are also available from OS and ONS as open data. Accordingly it is highly unlikely that the disclosure of these UPRNs by the Council will prejudice the commercial interests of Ordnance Survey or GeoPlace LLP. If in doubt, you may wish to verify this position with OS/GeoPlace.

The Council has also still not provided a response to my re-use request of 2 February 2026, with respect to the information disclosed to me on 17 February 2026. That re-use request, which has a statutory basis separate from the FOI Act, was as follows:

"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 other public datasets and making the outputs available to others in a re-usable electronic form under an open licence. I request that North Tyneside 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, please specify the relevant information and the name of the third party. My re-use request relates to the remaining part of the requested information."

Please provide a clear statement that the Council permits my re-use of all of the disclosed information under the terms of the [Open Government Licence](#), or provide another response that is compliant with the RPSI regulations.

If you are unfamiliar with the RPSI regulations, the ICO has a [Guide to RPSI](#) or you may wish to seek advice from the Council's legal team.

Kind regards,

Owen Boswarva

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address: [REDACTED]

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From: **FOI Officer** <FOI.Officer@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Date: Thu, 5 Mar 2026 at 13:14

Subject: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INTERNAL REVIEW - FOI-7516

To: Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>

Dear Owen

Please see below for the Authority's updated response to your request below:

The Authority is withholding your request for National UPRNs under section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 43(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states: (2) Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

Other Local Authorities which have released the information within the remit of your request hold information which has been created and maintained entirely separately from its LLPG and any Ordnance Survey Address Base product. Our equivalent dataset was created in a different way.

It is our view that release of this information would prejudice the commercial interests of both GeoPlace and Ordnance Survey. Ordnance Survey is a wholly owned Government company, whose objectives include "to operate as a sustainably profitable commercial organisation, on a self-financing basis" (see Ordnance Survey's Shareholder Framework Document available under the heading 'Useful documents' on our Governance pages – [OS Governance | Home | OS \(ordnancesurvey.co.uk\)](#)). Ordnance Survey generates revenue from the sale of its products, including the Address Base products, and pays a royalty on such sales to GeoPlace. Even though any disclosed information would only be provided subject to copyright and database right, and so could only be used for limited purposes, and could not, for example, legitimately be made available to others, we would then need to make the same information available to others who request it under the FOIA.

This would lead to a significant risk of copyright and/or database right infringement; in addition to a loss of commercial revenue and there would be a significant cost in both monitoring the use of the data and enforcing the intellectual property rights of GeoPlace, Ordnance Survey and the Crown.

We now consider your request for information closed.

If you remain dissatisfied, please contact the Information Commissioner. Please see below for contact details:

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Kind regards,

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Information Governance and Compliance Officer

Information Governance Team

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North Tyneside Council

Tel: (0191) 643 2333*



From: Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>

Sent: 17 February 2026 16:46

To: FOI Officer <FOI.Officer@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Subject: Re: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INTERNAL REVIEW - FOI-7516

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for providing the Council's response to my request for an internal review of the Council's handling of the information requests that I submitted on 2 February 2026 (your reference FOI-7516), and for the attached disclosure of information.

I have inferred that the Council is no longer relying on the exemption in section 21 of the FOI Act to withhold any of the requested information.

There are a couple of remaining issues, described below. Please let me know whether the Council wishes to address

those issues or is waiving its right to carry out any further review of my requests.

1. The disclosed information is incomplete as it does not include the UPRNs (Unique Property Reference Numbers) corresponding to the properties on the Council Tax property list. The UPRNs are an important part of my request because they can be used to match the Council Tax property list to a range of existing publicly available information, including geographic coordinates for each property.

It is likely that the Council holds UPRNs corresponding to the properties on the Council Tax property list in its Local Land and Property Gazetteer (LLPG), even if UPRNs are not used by the team that administers Council Tax.

Please disclose the missing UPRNs, or confirm that this information is not held by the Council, or provide a reason for withholding the information.

2. My email of 2 February 2026 also included a request for permission to re-use the disclosed information, as follows:

"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 other public datasets and making the outputs available to others in a re-usable electronic form under an open licence. I request that North Tyneside 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.

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Please provide a clear statement that the Council permits my re-use of all of the disclosed information under the terms of the [Open Government Licence](#), or provide another response that is compliant with the RPSI regulations.

Thank you.

Best regards,

Owen Boswarva

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From: **FOI Officer** <FOI.Officer@northynteside.gov.uk>

Date: Tue, 17 Feb 2026 at 16:28

Subject: RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INTERNAL REVIEW - FOI-7516

To: owen.boswarva@gmail.com <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INTERNAL REVIEW

In all further correspondence please quote our reference FOI-7516.

Good afternoon,

Please be advised, the Authority has reviewed your request.

Please see below and attached for your response:

Response:

We have been able to obtain the requested information. This is because after extensive investigation we have established that there is a reporting application that we have been able to use to extract this information, the output of this report is attached.

This information is correct as at date it has been produced. As you will be aware the accuracy of this data will change over time due to the changing property portfolio, for example changes in banding, and the addition or removal of properties. Properties that are unbanded (new builds) are not included so the report only includes properties that are banded.

It is important to note, that the reporting application that has been used to produce this report, is only available until December 2026, and any future reporting applications becoming available to replace this may not be able to produce the data requested in the future.

We hope this has satisfied your request for information. If you remain dissatisfied, please contact the Information Commissioner, details below:

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Kind regards,



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From: FOI Officer <FOI.Officer@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Sent: 11 February 2026 10:08

To: Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INTERNAL REVIEW - FOI-7516

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INTERNAL REVIEW

In all further correspondence please quote our reference FOI-7516.

Your request for an internal review was received on 10/02/2026 and the Council is dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

As required by the Information Commissioner's guidance the Council aims to respond to the internal review no later than 20 working days after receipt. This has been calculated to be 10/03/2026.

If you have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Kind regards

[Redacted Signature]

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From: Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>

Sent: 10 February 2026 16:05

To: FOI Officer <FOI.Officer@northynteside.gov.uk>

Subject: Request for internal review: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - FOI-7516

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Dear Information Governance Team,

Please find attached a letter requesting an internal review of the Council's handling of the information requests that I submitted on 2 February 2026 (your reference FOI-7516).

Best regards,

Owen Boswarva

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From: FOI Officer <FOI.Officer@northynteside.gov.uk>

Date: Tue, 10 Feb 2026 at 12:34

Subject: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION - FOI-7516

To: Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

In all further correspondence please quote our reference FOI-7516.

Your request for information under the above legislation has now been considered. Please see response below:

Request:

Information request

I would like to request the Council's current list of all domestic properties within the North Tyneside Council area, including the full address, the assigned Council Tax band, the Council's local 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 other public datasets and making the outputs available to others in a re-usable electronic form under an open licence. I request that North Tyneside 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.

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Further information request

If North Tyneside 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 property list is most likely to be held by the Council's Council Tax team.
2. For the avoidance of doubt, the scope of my request does not include billing numbers, financial reference numbers, or any other references related to Council Tax accounts.
2. I am aware that the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) provides an online lookup service for Council Tax bands, but this service does not make the bulk data I am requesting "reasonably accessible" to me within the meaning of section 21 of the FOI Act.

Response:

This information is exempt in answer to this request under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information accessible to the applicant by other means.

The reason for this is that this is already publicly available through the VOA Lookup Service, as you noted in your request. The Revenues Team do not have an extractable report to be able to supply the address, council tax band and UPRN for all properties within the North Tyneside Council area.

Please note that an anonymised copy of this response may be published in our Disclosure Log where appropriate.

This is a record of responses to completed requests for information that the Council has received and dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004. The Disclosure Log is available online at the following address:

[Disclosure log | North Tyneside Council](#)

I trust that this information answers your request, but if you have any further requests, please do not hesitate to contact me.

If you are unhappy with the way the Council has handled your request, you may ask for an internal review. Please contact the Information Governance Team no later than 40 working days after the date of this letter, after which time we will consider the matter closed.

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From: FOI Officer <FOI.Officer@northtyneside.gov.uk>

Sent: 02 February 2026 13:26

To: Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: FOI and RPSI requests for current list of assigned Council Tax band of every domestic property in North Tyneside Council area - FOI-7516

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

In all further correspondence please quote our reference FOI-7516. Thank you for your request for information.

Your request was received on 02/02/26, and the Council is dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

As required by the legislation, the Council aims to answer your request promptly, but no later than 20-working days after receipt. As stated in the Information Commissioner's guidance, Awareness Guidance 11 Time for Compliance, the 20-working day clock starts the day after the Council received the request. The due date has been calculated to be 02/03/26.

If the information you have requested contains reference to a third party, then they may be consulted prior to a decision being taken on whether or not to release the information to you.

Very occasionally, fees may be payable for the supply of information under the Freedom of Information Act. This will be considered, and if fees are payable in respect of this request the Council will contact you before proceeding in order to be sure that you are happy to go ahead. Any fees that do apply must be paid before the information is processed and released.

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Kind regards

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From: Owen Boswarva <owen.boswarva@gmail.com>
Sent: 02 February 2026 1:08 PM
To: FOI Officer <FOI.Officer@northtyneside.gov.uk>
Subject: FOI and RPSI requests for current list of assigned Council Tax band of every domestic property in North Tyneside Council area

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Thank you for your attention to the above requests.

Best regards,

Owen Boswarva

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