

## Wokingham Borough Council Business Rates datasets accompanying notes

### **Business rates**

Information on Business rates accounts (National Non-Domestic Rates) for re-use can be found [here](#).

Since we have many Freedom of Information requests of a similar nature during the course of the year, we now produce several lists which will be updated on a regular basis. These reports provide general information to answer requests. While the reports are updated at regular intervals, accounts are updated daily so the information provided is correct at the time of publication.

Information has been screened to remove accounts relating to individuals and sole traders as this data is exempt under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act. While we have done our best to review the information, in some cases, this may mean that non-personal accounts have also been removed.

### **Current Live Business Rates Accounts**

These four reports show the current live Business Rates accounts. It will be updated every six months.

They includes the liable party name, property address, start date of account, property reference number, current Rateable Value, account start date, and, where applicable, any occupied / empty relief or empty exemptions along with the gross annual charge.

### **NNDR Credits on accounts**

This report is updated at the end of each month and shows closed accounts with credits. It does not show details of live accounts.

Credits for live accounts may represent pre-payment, monies being refunded and monies for which a refund may be requested. The information that the Council has in this connection is inherently confidential in nature and is supplied in circumstances which give rise to an obligation of confidence on the part of the Council. We consider that the confidence our business customers have in the Council could be damaged by disclosure of information relating to their credit balances, as we would be unable to specify the status of those credits. Exemption under Section 41 of the Act, relating to information supplied in confidence is applicable. The information on live accounts is, accordingly, exempt from disclosure under that Section.

### **New Business Rates Accounts**

This list shows PLC and Ltd companies added recently to the database and will be updated

on a monthly / bi-monthly basis. It will show new accounts created as at the date the report

was run where the start date for the account is within the period shown.