Dear Requester

Thank you for your request for information about the arrangements between Nottinghamshire County Council and The Haven Church and Community Centre for the rent of the former school building on Wadsworth Road in Stapleford. You asked:

- 1. How much rent is paid to Nottinghamshire County Council for the use of this premises?
- 2. How long is the lease for?

This is an informal arrangement, there is no formal lease for it.

We consider that the amount of rent collected by Nottinghamshire County Council for the use of this premises is exempt from disclosure in accordance with S43 of the Freedom of Information Act as we consider that it would be likely to prejudice the commercial interest of the County Council to disclose this information.

S43 is a qualified exemption and so is subject to a Public Interest Test. This means that in deciding whether or not this exemption applies, we are required to balance the likely benefit to the public in potentially prejudicing the Councils Commercial Interest by the disclosure of this information, and whether any benefit would outweigh against any likely disadvantages of disclosure.

In conducting a Public Interest Test, we believe that the reasons against disclosure of this information outweigh the benefit to the public interest of its disclosure and therefore have decided to apply the S43 exemption to disclosure of the amount of rent paid to the Council for the use of this premises.

I realise that this response is now being provided outside of the usual timescale for provision of information requested under the Freedom of Information Act, and I apologise for this. When a Public Interest Test is required the Information Commissioner does allow organisations to extend the timescale enabling them to carry out the test. I hope that the information remains relevant to you and that the delay has not caused you any difficulties.

I hope that you find this information to be helpful, however if you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, then please email us at foi@nottscc.gov.uk quoting the reference NCC-048948-20 and we will be happy to review your request

With kind regards

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