



**Information Governance**

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Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Request ID: REQ05374**

Thank you for your request for information relating to 'Yellow line painting'.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

**Thank you for the letter detailing the upcoming changes.**

**I understand this work was put out to tender. I would be most grateful if you could share the cost the council has agreed to pay for the work. If necessary, please consider this a Freedom of Information request**

In respect of the information requested, the Council will not be making disclosure as it is of the view that the disclosure of the requested information would be likely to prejudice its commercial interests, as by sharing this would give competitors an unfair advantage of being able to replicate and then undercut pricing. Therefore Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged, where disclosure would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person.

As Section 43(2) is a qualified exemption, its application must be balanced out with the public interest. In this case, the Council is satisfied that the public interest in withholding the information is greater than that in disclosing it as providing these details could enable a competitive advantage in future tender exercises, and cause unfair disadvantage to the existing suppliers. As a result, the Council believes it is entitled to withhold the requested information.

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the [Council's web site](#) and in particular its FOI/EIR [Disclosure log](#), [Council's Publication Scheme](#), [Open Data](#) and [Facts about Coventry](#).

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: [infogov@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:infogov@coventry.gov.uk)

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email [casework@ico.org.uk](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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