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Dear Sir/Madam

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Request ID: FOI337305121**

Thank you for your request for information relating to Elm Fields Farm.

You have requested the following information:

**1. All financial information concerning Elm Fields Farm including but not limited to the original purchase price of the land and the cost of buying out the lease held by**

The transaction between the Council and [redacted] for the surrender of the long lease is considered financially confidential. Therefore, the Council will not be making disclosure of the cost of buying out the lease as we are of the view that the disclosure of such information would be likely to prejudice the commercial interest of both the Council and the individual involved with the buying out of the lease and that Section 43 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is engaged, where disclosure would, or be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person.

In applying this exemption, the Council has balanced the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. In the case of the above cited information, the Council considers that the public interest in withholding this information for the reasons cited

outweighs the benefits of demonstrating openness and transparency of process at this stage.

However, there is a Cabinet Public Report dated 26th November 2015 that can viewed on the Council's website on the following link:

<https://edemocracy.coventry.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=124&MId=10764&Ver=4>

We therefore do not need to disclose the information as per Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Regarding the original purchase of the land, the Corporation of Coventry acquired Elm Fields Farm as part of a wider tract of land holdings from the Trustees of Sir Thomas White's Charity in 1956 so we are unable to supply an original purchase for Elm Fields Farm only.

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

Yours faithfully

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