



26 April 2022

Request

Using the data available within the Parish of St Helier rates' assessment, please provide the total number of available corporate parking spaces available for all private businesses within the Parish.

Should the time be considered more than 12.5 hours the request can be amended to consider only those businesses that are located within the ring- road area of St Helier.

Should that too be considered too time consuming, please provide the total number of private corporate parking spaces available for all businesses that have a rates assessment of more than 1,000m2 in area.

Response

The Parish does not hold information about whether or not land is used as '*corporate parking spaces available for all private businesses*' although, as shown in the Rates List, some parking spaces are assessed for 'Non-Domestic' purposes and others for 'Domestic' purposes. The information requested is therefore not held.

Information about land assessed for rates and included in the Rates List as 'parking spaces' is absolutely exempt information.

FOI exemption applied:

Article 23 - Information accessible to applicant by other means

Information is absolutely exempt information if it is reasonably available to the applicant, otherwise than under this Law, whether or not free of charge. A scheduled public authority that refuses an application for information on this ground must make reasonable efforts to inform the applicant where the applicant may obtain the information.

Justification for exemption

The Rates List is available for inspection at the Town Hall and may also be accessed using the Rates online service. Parking spaces

The entry in the Rates List may not specify the actual number of parking spaces and to provide this, even for a more limited area or assessment, would require a manual check of the information held. The Parish would not be able to provide the requested data within the time allocated to Freedom of Information responses pursuant to the Freedom of Information (Costs) (Jersey) Regulations 2014 (which is 5 hours for a Parish).

Article 16 A scheduled public authority may refuse to supply information if cost excessive

(1) A scheduled public authority that has been requested to supply information may refuse to supply the information if it estimates that the cost of doing so would exceed an amount determined in the manner prescribed by Regulations.

Regulation 2 (1) of the Freedom of Information (Costs) (Jersey) Regulations 2014 allows a Parish to refuse a request for information where the estimated cost of dealing with the request would exceed the specified amount of the cost limit of £200. This is the estimated cost of one person spending 5 working hours in determining whether the department holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information.