

## **Environmental Information Regulations – Response - 27538**

*I would be really grateful if you could ask your Estates Team/Commercial Property Team if they could possibly spare some time to answer the below questions:*

*1. How many properties are in your investment portfolio? Please split into retail, office, industrial, leisure, and other.*

We can confirm that Suffolk County Council holds this information. However, the information is readily accessible to you, as it is already in the public domain.

**Section 21** of the FOIA states that a public authority does not need to provide information under section 1 of the Act if that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means.

For all Suffolk County Council land and property information, please see enclosed link to the website. <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/land-and-building-assets>

*2. Please list any property investments and acquisitions in the last five years.*

All property Acquisitions can be found at <https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/land-and-building-assets> None were purchased as Commercial Investments.

*3. Can you please list the reasons the authority invested/acquired these properties?*

None were purchased as Commercial Investments

*4. Can you please confirm if there are any other reasons not mentioned above why your authority invests in or acquires commercial property?*

The council acquires property for or in advance of operational use or incidental to operational use. The Council has not purchased property for commercial investment purposes (historically a few properties were established for economic development purposes).

*5. What were the outcomes of your investments? (For example, did it lead to delivery of a regeneration scheme? Did it bring in income? Did investing lead to a budget deficit? Etc. Please note that this is not asking you to provide commercially sensitive information nor commentary, just list any outcomes).*

Not applicable

*6. What is the Council's process for identifying investment opportunities? I.e. Do you have an investment strategy?*

No

*7. What is the procedure followed by the council when an investment opportunity is identified and how do you manage risk?*

Not applicable

*8. How does your authority fund commercial property investment/acquisition? Please just*

*list the financing methods used.*

Not applicable