
Re: Request for Information from Boundary Commission for England under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

From Information Boundary Commission for England <information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk>

Date Wed 25/06/2025 08:00

To [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

BCE-FOI-2025-10

Thank you for your email request for information to the Boundary Commission for England (BCE) on 22 June, which has been considered under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000.

In your request for information you asked:

We request under FOIA that you provide, (preferably in Microsoft Excel or an equivalent machine-readable format) the following information in respect of suppliers which were not paid in within 30 days for the period starting 1 April 2019 to the date of this request:

1. Supplier Name
2. Invoice Date
3. Gross Invoice Value
4. Payment Date
5. Late Payment Compensation or Interest Paid (if any)

Our response:

The Boundary Commission for England is an advisory non-departmental public body sponsored by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. Payments to our suppliers are made by our sponsor department on request by the secretariat to the Commission. We do not hold records of when such payments are made, and are unable to provide information on those not paid within 30 days.

You may wish to contact our sponsor department at FOI@communities.gov.uk for further information.

Under the provisions of the FOIA , if you are dissatisfied with the response provided you may wish to ask for an internal review. If this situation arises you should write to:

The Acting Secretary
Boundary Commission for England
2 Marsham Street
London
SW1P 4DF

Email: information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk

If you are not content with our response following an internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by the BCE. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Office of the Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 22 June 2025 05:00

To: Information - Boundary Commission for England <information@boundarycommissionengland.gov.uk>

Subject: Request for Information from Boundary Commission for England under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Request for Information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (â€œFOIAâ€™™)

Information on late payment

This is a request under FOIA for details of instances in which Boundary Commission for England (including, where applicable, any agencies, bodies, or units for which it is ultimately responsible for supplier payments) has failed to pay its suppliers on time, thereby causing liabilities for late payment compensation and/or interest on late payments to be incurred for the public purse.

As the Government has made clear, late payment remains a significant issue for business and a drag on the UK economy as a whole. It is clear that, despite what the law says, many suppliers have not received timely payment or the interest and compensation for late payment to which they are entitled by statute.

Public authorities must keep information on payment in order to comply with their legal obligations, and there is a public interest in ensuring both compliance and that unpaid interest and compensation is recovered from public authorities. If proper records are kept as they ought to be, then information in this respect ought readily to be available.

The information requested below is not confidential, and its disclosure under FOIA is not capable of adversely affecting any party's commercial interests. This is because this request is aimed at data about late payment liabilities that have in fact arisen: the disclosure of this data cannot cause any additional liability to arise. We therefore do not anticipate any reasonable grounds for refusing this request.

In any event, there is strong public interest in transparency about these matters. Relevant factors in this respect include: enhancing public understanding and scrutiny of issues of significant importance to stewardship of the public purse and to economic growth; facilitating an informed debate about compliance by your authority with its contractual obligations and with Government policy; helping businesses that suffer from late payment (many of which are small and medium-sized enterprises), and encouraging improvements in payment practices by public authorities such as yours.

Request

With the above points in mind, we request under FOIA that you provide, (preferably in Microsoft Excel or an equivalent machine-readable format) the following information in respect of suppliers which were not paid in within 30 days for the period starting 1 April 2019 to the date of this request:

- 1. Supplier Name**
- 2. Invoice Date**
- 3. Gross Invoice Value**
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Clarification:

We reiterate that this request:

- (a) Â Â is limited to information which should (if proper records are kept) be readily available from a purchase ledger system and should therefore be possible to retrieve without any difficulty and without imposing any significant burden;
- (b) Â Â relates to organisations (not individuals) who are entitled to be paid out of public funds for public services, and we do not require the disclosure of any personal information of any individual person;
- (c) Â Â does not require the disclosure of any confidential information or information to the production of which there could be any other lawful objection.

Compliance Assistance:

While we do not anticipate any grounds on which the requested information can lawfully be withheld, we nonetheless remind you of your duty under section 16 of FOIA to advise and assist requesters.

If you consider that it may be impracticable to provide all the requested information within the statutory timescales, then we shall be pleased to discuss with you the reasons for this, and to see what steps may reasonably be taken in order to address these.

For example, we would be content to receive the information in several parts, in another convenient format (such as that which you may already have), or to prioritise (such as by the provision of greater value items, or by date).

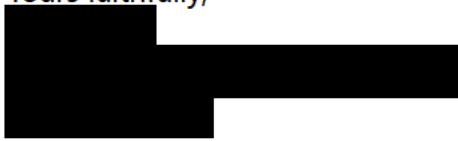
If there be any other steps which you think could reasonably assist in providing the information, or refining the request, then please let me know.

Contact Details:

If you have any queries or require clarification, I would be happy to discuss this request.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully,

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