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Your Ref:                                FS - 8515486  
Please ask for:  
Telephone No:  
Email:                                    xxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xx  
Date:                                     27<sup>th</sup> October 2016

Dear Lee Jefferson,

### **FOI Request – Council building closures since 2010**

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 12<sup>th</sup> October 2016 which asked for:

“A list of council-run buildings (including Libraries, Day Care Centres, Community Centres, Schools and Administrative bases) which your Council has had to close since 2010. Please provide the name of the buildings and the postcodes of the buildings.

Such closures would include those where people have to seek the same type of service from a different location\* which already exists (or maybe there is no alternative available). \* If there are any scenarios where a service provision is not closed but relocated across the road to another council building I don't require information on that.

I require the list to include buildings closed and disposed plus buildings that are re-let following service closures.

I'm only interested however in the buildings in which you provided a service that you were forced to close due to Government cuts to your budget making it no longer financially viable for you to keep such buildings open.

The reason why I require this information is to get a picture of the effect of any Government cuts to council budgets which in turn is forcing councils to find ways to make savings.”

Please find below the information you have requested:-

The Council has closed buildings which provide services as a result of ongoing Asset Management Strategy, including taking advantages of

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surplus council owned buildings, lease breaks or lease terminations, of which non are as a result of cuts in government funding.

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Information Management Unit  
Sandwell Council House  
Freeth Street  
Oldbury  
West Midlands  
B69 3DE

Email – [xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xx](mailto:xxxxxxx@xxxxxxxx.xxx.xx)

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire SK9 5AF

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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**Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council**