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Dear Mr Jefferson

Freedom of Information Act 2000 Information Request Regarding Building Closures Due to Budget Cuts

Thank you for contacting Worcestershire County Council.

Your request for information has now been considered and our response is given below.

Please kindly provide 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.

Commercial and Change

County Hall Spetchley Road Worcester

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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. If there is a scenario where the building is closed but still under council ownership then please include that in the list.

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.

We have not closed any buildings since 2010 as a result of Government cuts to Worcestershire County Council's budget. We dohave vacantproperties of which there are plans to either dispose or reuse for the provision of other Council services. This is as a result of other initiatives such as the Better Use of Property

Programme which aims to improve the Council's managed estate and service delivery. In these instances services were relocated.

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Consumer Relations Department
Worcestershire County Council
County Hall
Spetchley Road
Worcester
WR5 2NP

Tel: 01905 846364

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

Tel: 0303 123 1113 (local rate) or 01625 545 745 (national rate)

www.ico.org.uk

Yours sincerely

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