

Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

2023 CHAPTER 55

PART 10

LETTING BY LOCAL AUTHORITIES OF VACANT HIGH-STREET PREMISES

Powers to obtain information

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- (1) This section applies in relation to premises that are situated on a designated high street or within a designated town centre.
- (2) The local authority for the area in which the premises are situated may, in writing, require any interested person to give information about the premises to the authority.
- (3) In subsection (2), "interested person" means a person who appears to the local authority to have an interest in the land in which the premises are comprised.
- (4) For the purposes of subsection (2), information about premises includes information about—
 - (a) the occupation of the premises,
 - (b) matters affecting the premises,
 - (c) persons interested in the premises, and
 - (d) their interests in the premises.
- (5) A requirement under subsection (2) must state the time by which and manner in which the information is required to be given.
- (6) The power conferred by subsection (2) may be exercised only for the purpose of obtaining information about the premises that the local authority thinks is likely to be necessary or expedient for the exercise of its functions under this Part in relation to the premises.
- (7) A person commits an offence if the person—

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- (a) fails without reasonable excuse to comply with a requirement under subsection (2), or
- (b) in response to such a requirement, gives information that—
 - (i) is false, and
 - (ii) the person knows or should reasonably know to be false.
- (8) A person who commits an offence under subsection (7) is liable on summary conviction to a fine not exceeding level 4 on the standard scale.