

Breakdown of costs for hard sign on the M62 eastbound just after junction 22

Section 43(2) – Prejudice to commercial interests

Factors supporting disclosure	Factors supporting non-disclosure
• There is an important public interest in the work of public bodies being transparent and open to scrutiny to increase diligence and to protect the public purse • There is a public interest in disclosing information about public procurements to ensure there is transparency in the spending of public money.	• If the information requested is disclosed, it could undermine the integrity of future public procurements in that it may put the suppliers at a disadvantage and their competitors at an advantage. • Releasing information that is unique and personal to the supplier which can be exploited and used by other suppliers for profit or other gain, is likely to damage the commercial interests of the supplier. • There is a public interest in allowing public authorities to withhold information which if disclosed, would reduce their suppliers' ability to negotiate or compete in a commercial environment

Conclusion: there are compelling arguments which support withholding the information which outweigh those supporting release.

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