

CITY OF  
WOLVERHAMPTON  
C O U N C I L

## Response to Request for Information

Reference      FOI 001005  
Date            16 February 2017

### *Inspector's Findings*

#### **Request:**

I am writing to request to receive the full report into inspectors' findings at Ash Spice, based at 21A Chapel Ash, Wolverhampton, WV3 0TZ .

The inspection of this service took place on January 5 2017.

In response to your above question, the Council would consider that the requested information falls into the class of information collected for the purposes of investigations and proceedings the Council is required to conduct, namely in this case the investigation is food hygiene related.

The Council considers thus that the provision of Section 30 – relating to investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities is engaged. This is one of the FOI Act's qualified exemptions. When considering the application of this exemption the Council would consider the public interest in disclosure demonstrating openness and transparency of process and furthering the understanding of its business to the wider world.

Set against this however, the public interest in non-disclosure is served by the need to protect the investigative integrity of its processes and those individuals (witnesses, relatives and friends for example) who may be compromised by disclosure to the wider world (which is how any disclosure under the FOI Act must be viewed).

Disclosure of the Council's investigation would also compromise the conduct of future investigations by revealing processes followed and would add to the sum of criminal knowledge available to the wider world.

This is considered to be a stronger consideration and no disclosure will be made in this instance.