# Request details – FOI 5231

We would like to request information under the Freedom of Information Act of Birmingham City Council as the Local Authority responsible for the collection of non-domestic rates from occupiers of non-domestic property as they are represented in the Ratings List.

We understand that rate relief was recently awarded, under section 44a of the Local Government Finance Act 1988, on the following hereditament:

Aston Villa Football Club Ltd
Trinity Road
Birmingham
B6 6HE
BA Ref: 10205137
2005 RV: £1,315,000
2010 RV: £3,140,000

I understand that a request was made to Birmingham City Council who then sought a certificate to apportion the hereditament between parts-occupied and part-unoccupied from the Valuation Office for the period in question.

I would like you to provide any/all of the reasons that this relief was awarded on the subject of hereditament for any/all periods since 1 April 2005.

As we have an application under s44a LGFA 1988 currently under review and awaiting VOA certification.

# Response details – FOI 5231

I am writing in response to your recent enquiry for information regarding Section 44A Relief awarded to Aston Villa Football Club PLC held by the Authority under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please be advised of the following:

The liable parties submitted an application for relief under Section 44A of the Local Government Act 1998. This was supported by a plan of the area for which the application represented. As it was observed that the area was out of use during the periods concerned, a recommendation was submitted to the Head of Revenues to approve the application. Once approved the application, approval and plan were referred to the Valuation Office Agency (VOA) for calculation of the temporarily reduced value for the period in question. A certificate was provided by the VOA advising Birmingham City Council of the reduced rateable value for this period and was subsequently loaded to their account. The following Section 44A relief was awarded:

Trinity Road stand and suite development
12th May 2008 to 7 August 2008 £44,554.12

Holte End Stand and suite development
25th May 2009 to 3 August 2009 £37,736.99