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### Your request:

I am looking to obtain the underlying spreadsheet datasets listed in the "GIS-based assessment of coastal flood and erosion risk in England" by Sayers and Partners LLP in 2018 (Full citation: Sayers PB (2018) GIS-based assessment of coastal flood and erosion risk in England. Research undertaken by Sayers and Partners on behalf of the Committee on Climate Change. Published by Committee on Climate Change, London)

The 3 datasets I am looking to obtain are entitled as follows:

- "Erosion - By PU - NonResidential v4\_1.xlsx"
- "Erosion - By PU - Residential v4\_1.xlsx"
- "Flooding - By PU - All properties v4\_1.xlsx"

### CCC response:

The datasets listed above have now been published on the CCC website at this location: <https://www.theccc.org.uk/about/transparency/freedom-of-information/freedom-of-information-releases/>

The original spreadsheets included licenced data which has been withheld under regulation 12(5)(c) Intellectual Property Rights (IPR). This is a qualified exemption and to engage the exemption we have followed the Information Commissioner's guidance concluding that it was appropriate to engage the exemption on the following grounds:

- the material is protected by IPR
- the IP holder would suffer harm
- the identified harm is a consequence of the loss of control over the information
- the potential harm could not be prevented by enforcing the IP rights

As required by Environment Information Rights we have reviewed the public interest in disclosing this information. Whilst we deemed that providing the information you requested was in the public interest, we considered that the range of data released was sufficient to inform public debate and that the

potential harms resulting from publication could not be managed sufficiently to support publication of the data.

For the erosion data, it is not possible to give the Property Management Unit scale results as some include full property specific information and it is, therefore, not appropriate given the scale of the analysis.

As stated on the CCC website the spreadsheets are an intermediate stage to the summary provided in the "Managing the Coast in a Changing Climate" report . Therefore, they should be viewed as such and not directly reported or used to support decisions.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. In keeping with our transparency policy, the information released to you will be published on [www.theccc.org.uk](http://www.theccc.org.uk). Please note that this publication will not include your personal data.

Kind regards,  
Climate Change Committee