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Dear Liz Robillard

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request 04th February 2010.

You requested information on:

How many staff in the council have been granted permission to use covert surveillance on members of the public since 2005 please? (The OSC advised me to make this request to individual councils)

An exemption under Section 21 (1) of the Act is being applied.

Section 21; Information accessible to applicant by other means

This exemption applies because the information is accessible to you by other means and can be found in the report "Monitoring information regarding the Council's use of Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA)". It is on the Camden website at:

<http://democracy.camden.gov.uk/alfresco/guestDownload/direct/workspace/SpacesStore/87627160-b27f-11de-b95c-4d6e69293ee3/2009-09-15-Report-Item%2008%20-%20Monitoring%20Information%20Regarding%20the%20Councils%20use%20of%20Regulation%20of%20Investigatory%20Powers%20Act%202000%20RIPA-Audit%20and%20Corporate%20Governance%20Committee.pdf>

This letter constitutes a refusal notice under the Freedom of Information Act for these questions. An exemption under Section 21 of the Act is being applied: Information reasonably available by other means. I apologise that your request cannot be met in full but if you have any further information needs in the future then please contact us.

You have the right of appeal against the decision. If you wish to appeal please set out in writing your grounds of appeal (*within 2 months of this letter*) and send it to: Freedom of Information Appeals Panel,

Central Complaints Unit, Camden Town Hall, Judd Street, London WC1H 9JE and your complaint will be dealt with through our Internal Review procedure.

If you are still not satisfied following the Internal Review, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. They can be contacted at:

Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire. SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely,

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