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Via: request-451143-a2429ada@whatdotheyknow.com

Our ref: DEX000993

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Dear Gabriel Webber,

I refer to your request, where you asked:

Thank you for your response. Please could you provide (as a fresh request if needs be) the redacted text from the 'Annex A' document you supplied - or else provide a section 17 refusal notice.

I must inform you that, by virtue of section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA), a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for a number of reasons, including that in which a request “appears to be part of a random approach” or “seems to have been solely designed for the purpose of ‘fishing’ for information without any idea of what might be revealed”¹.

We answered and outlined in your previous request, DEX000924, that the information which was redacted was out of scope. We find that a variety of information types/topics could be covered in any one document, and that it would be unreasonable for us to release out of scope information when requested, simply because it did not fall within the remit of the original question.

We are willing to help you frame a valid request, if you wish to do so. In the meantime, I shall take no further action on this request.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact the FOI team. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

¹ Information Commissioner's Office guidance -
<https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1198/dealing-with-vexatious-requests.pdf>

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Freedom of Information Team (internal review)
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The Information Commissioner's Office
Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Team, DExEU.