

Public Interest Test

FoI/EIR Ref No...IGF/7582.....

Exemption/Exception being considered:			
Who consulted: Multi-agency partners, including emergency services			
What were their comments (attach records or summarize): Agreement contained in the plan by all partners, not just CYC: 'the detail of the plan, in particular details....., to which the public will be directed in the event of an evacuation, should not be divulged under the Freedom of Information Act as it could be of use to a terrorist or terrorist groups in planning attacks on the public or emergency services' There is no advantage of public seeing the contents of the plan in finer detail. All essential and relevant information is contained within the publicly available z-card, specifically produced for this purpose. Section 38 Endangering Health and Safety exception should be used. Should RVP points and other information be released and get into the wrong hands, this could be detrimental to public and emergency responders health and safety, and have severe (fatal) consequences.			
Reasons the information would be in the Public Interest to disclose: None. The only public interest would be general information on zones and preparation for any evacuation which may take place. All of this in the Evacuating York City Centre Z-card.			
Who is risk to: All public, businesses and emergency responders	What are the risks: Potential fatal – any terrorist or person wishing to harm the public could pre-plan an attack at the points identified within the plan. Prior knowledge of these would make an attack more likely.	Likelihood of risks: Current UK threat level is severe – an attack is highly likely	Severity: Severe and fatal
Outcome: Weight of Public Interest in favour of disclosure/withholding.			

There is no advantage of disclosure. Publically available information gives all the information they need to know. The risk of harm to the public, businesses and emergency responders outweighs the benefits of disclosing the plan and is therefore to be withheld under Section 38 – Endangering Health and Safety.