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Our reference: FOI 13015  
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Dear Doug Paulley,

**Freedom of Information Request 13015: Russian nuclear attack**

I am writing regarding your request which I received on 8 September, 2014. In your request you asked for the following information:

- if Menwith Hill is hit by a Russian nuclear bomb, will Wetherby be instantly vapourised? How about Leeds?

Under Section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act (the Act) the council is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the council deems the request to be vexatious.

From the information supplied in your request and with regards to the guidance issued by the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) on 'Dealing with Vexatious Requests', which is available on the ICO's website, I am of the view that your request is vexatious.

The Upper Tribunal has previously concluded that 'vexatious' could be defined as the 'manifestly unjustified, inappropriate or improper use of a formal procedure, therefore I consider your request to be an inappropriate use of the right of access to information afforded by the Act.

My decision is based on the fact that the subject matter of your request is inane or extremely trivial and the request appears to lack any serious purpose and is solely made for the purpose of amusement.

As previously stated, under the provisions of Section 14(1) of the Act, the council is not required to comply with this part of your request.

I trust my reply serves to assist in your enquiry. If you have any queries about this letter, please feel free to contact me.

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to:

Freepost RLZR-ELTX-RUEH  
Leeds City Council  
PO Box 657

LS1 9BS

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act for a decision. Generally the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Leeds City Council.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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