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Dear Doug Paulley,

Freedom of Information Request FOI 13015

I refer to your request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act") in relation to if Menwith Hill is hit by a Russian nuclear bomb, will Wetherby be instantly vapourised? How about Leeds?

Following this response, you sent an email stating that you wished for an internal review due to not receiving a response within 20 working days.

I have carefully considered your request and can confirm that as a result of a review it was found that the response time exceeded the 20 working day requirement.

This was due to staff absence on annual leave, and the unavailability of necessary advice to staff who received the request. Procedures have been strengthened to ensure this situation is avoided in future and staff have been reminded that freedom of information requests can be made via twitter. Therefore please accept my apologies that your request was not processed when it was first received via twitter.

Incidentally, I can confirm that this information is not held by Leeds City Council nor does Leeds City Council have subject matter experts in this area. However, having undertaken a search on Google with the words 'nuclear bomb impact radius', I was able to find a website which may assist you in your request, <http://nuclearsecrecy.com/nukemap/>. Please be aware that this is a third party produced website and is not connected with Leeds City Council in any way.

I trust that I have addressed the points raised in your original and appeal requests. However, if you remain dissatisfied with the outcome of this review into the handling of your request, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioner:-

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Yours sincerely

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