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Dear Mr Holland

**ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 – INFORMATION
REQUEST (FOI_12-019; EIR_12-001)**

The appeal you have made of our handling of your original request of 8 February 2012 made under Environmental Information Regulations ("Met Office Advice on FOI-08-23") has been passed to me for review under the University's appeal process as described in our code of practice¹.

I confirm that as Pro-Vice-Chancellor at UEA, I am a senior member of staff who has had no material role in the original decision. I have sufficient training and knowledge in the Act to undertake this internal review. My role in the review has been to consider afresh the reasonableness of the decision and handling of the request, which I have now done. I have consulted with the Information Policy and Compliance Officer where necessary to gain an understanding of the issues under consideration.

I have reviewed those aspects of the original decision about which you have complained – namely the decision to redact certain names under Regulation 12(3) and 13(1) relating to the disclosure of personal information. I have also reviewed the file and supporting documentation.

I noted Mr Palmer's judgement that disclosure of the redacted names would be contrary to Data Protection Principles and also that the public interest in releasing the names would be very low, given that the advice itself was released and the options explored within in it were not pursued.

I have reconsidered the exception relating to the identity of the three redacted names. In the case of the ICO staff member, I noted the status and seniority of the staff member at ICO and the nature of the advice provided. We have undertaken further consultations and have received no objection to release on the part of this data subject, thus fulfilling one of the Schedule 2 conditions.

¹<http://www.uea.ac.uk/is/strategies/infregs/Freedom+of+Information+Act+Policy>

I am therefore able to disclose that the name of the individual concerned was Mr David Chapman and I am informed that his job title at the time was ICO Good Practice Officer.

In respect of the two other redacted names, I concur with Mr Palmer's view that the public interest in disclosure is insufficient to override the Data Protection Principles and to warrant disclosure in these cases.

We would now consider this to be our final position on the internal review of this matter, and would advise that if you are dissatisfied with this response, you should now exercise your right of appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF
Telephone: 0303 123 1113
[Website: www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence

Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Thomas Ward'.

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