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## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1101**

I write further to your email dated 09 February 2020.

Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, explained on our [freedom of information](#) page.

I can confirm that the information you have requested is being withheld. However, in this instance I am refusing your request in accordance with section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Section 14(1) allows the Council to refuse requests that it considers vexatious. The Information Commissioners Office recommends weighing the serious purpose and value of the request against the detrimental effect on the authority.

In this case, I cannot perceive a serious purpose in the request and consider that its aim is to reopen a case that both the council and yourself have agreed is settled. I also do not judge the request to be of wider public interest or of objective value.

In addition, I consider that the frequent and repeated nature of requests that have been made to the Council by yourself have had a detrimental impact on our capacity to fulfill our other duties. I believe that the extent of your requests may be considered an abuse of the right of access to information.

Finally, in accordance with section 17 (6)(a), the application of section 14 precludes the need for the council to provide any further acknowledgements or refusal notices in response to further requests with the same motivation.

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If you are dissatisfied with the information supplied please feel free to contact me on the number above for any queries in relation to this response. Please note that in responding to further enquiries

I can only comment on the information contained within this correspondence and cannot provide any further information that may pertain to an additional FOIA request.

Please remember to quote the Authority's four digit reference number given at the top of this email in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the above informal review, you have the right to ask for an internal review. A request for a review whether formal or informal should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be sent to [DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk](mailto:DPO@NWLeicestershire.gov.uk) or the address above.

Further details on our appeals and complaints procedure can be found on our website [here](#).

If you remain dissatisfied following the conclusion of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at [accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk](mailto:accessicoinformation@ico.org.uk).