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Food & Rural Affairs

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Your ref: [REDACTED]  
Our ref: [REDACTED]  
Date: 12 February 2014

Dear [REDACTED],

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Climate Change Risk Assessment modelling**

Thank you for your request for information about Climate Change Risk Assessment regional modelling, which we received on 27 January 2014. We have considered your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

We want to be as open as possible in answering requests. Unfortunately, the Department do not hold the data you require, which underpins the national level flood risk data in the CCRA. Acquiring this data would incur significant cost and diversion of resources to the Department's other work. The data required is held by a contractor, previously funded by Defra to produce the CCRA evidence report. Sourcing the data from their archives, processing and reporting the required data by a senior analyst would incur costs for the Department, beyond those considered reasonable.

By virtue of regulations 12(1) and 12(4)(b) of the EIRs, Defra may refuse to disclose environmental information if the request for the information is manifestly unreasonable and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

We consider that your request is manifestly unreasonable under regulation 12(4)(b) on cost grounds and, having carried out the above public interest test, we have concluded that, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest falls in favour of maintaining the exemption.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.



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If you have any queries about this letter please contact me.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]

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## **Annex**

### **Complaints**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 4D, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our [website](#).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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