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From the Deputy Clerk of the Council

Our ref (please quote): C72(96)

Mr J. R Gair – By Email
University Secretary
Leeds University

Dear Mr Gair

**DR JOHN ILLINGWORTH: PETITION TO THE LORD PRESIDENT OF THE
COUNCIL AS VISITOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LEEDS**

Dr John Illingworth has petitioned the Visitor of Leeds University, Lord Mandelson, in respect of the restructuring of the Faculty of Biological Sciences and the School of Healthcare. His petition suggests that the Senate has failed to discharge its functions adequately and that decisions have been taken on restructuring without the full knowledge or agreement of the University's Senate, as required by the Charter and Statutes of the University.

I have written today to Dr Illingworth's representative and explained that the Visitor has accepted the petition. I have also explained that the Visitor is unable to take a view on the substantive question of whether the University is right to restructure the Departments. His role is confined to the question of whether the University is required by its Statutes to consult the Senate.

Pending the consideration of the petition, however, the Visitor requests that the University should take no further steps towards implementing the proposals, until the petition has been determined.

I attach a copy of Dr Illingworth's petition and enclosures, and I would be grateful for the University's response to the matters raised within six weeks of today. Your response will then be passed to the Petitioner for him to respond to the points made, but not to introduce fresh material. The Visitor will then make her determination, based on the Petition, the answer and the response.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ceri King'.

Mrs Ceri King