Dear

Environmental Information Regulations Response (Our Ref: K/21/139)

Thank you for your Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) request dated 17 March 2021, reference K/21/139.

Your request read:

“It’s great to hear that the university is looking to switch to a renewable supplier.
However, is this something the University has committed to doing and is therefore accountable if they do not follow through?
Or is this something the University is potentially going to do?
Also, when is the contract set to be renewed? Can the university perhaps leave the contract before the contract is over?
Has the university looked into using gas from a “green gas” supplier?”

The University of Leeds holds some of this information.

The University is committed to lead by example in the fight against climate change and in September 2019 announced our Seven Climate Principles. Key to this is the Climate Plan which is currently being finalised and is likely to be published later this year with full support of University Governance. As in interim we are working to an internal Carbon Management Plan which will be superseded by the Climate Plan.

It is our intention to specify renewable electricity for future grid supply contracts which are due for renewal on 1 October 2021 (on campus) and 31 March 2022 (off campus). We do not feel that there are any justifiable reasons to terminate the current contract in advance of these dates.

The University is investigating “green gas supplies” and will consider its findings as part of the aforementioned Climate Plan.

We hope this information is helpful. If you have any questions about this email, however, please do not hesitate to contact us on foi@leeds.ac.uk

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you can request an Internal Review. Requests for Internal Review should be made in writing using the following contact information:

Post: Mr D Wardle
Deputy Secretary
The University of Leeds
Requests for Internal Review should be submitted within 40 working days of receiving the University’s response to your request. Further information about how the University manages Freedom of Information requests and about our complaints procedure is also available on our website (www.leeds.ac.uk).

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the review/complaints procedure provided by the University. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer

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