**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000/ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004**

Your request for information has now been considered and the Council’s response to your questions is shown below. The Council [holds / does not hold] the information.

**You asked:**

**I was at the Vampires Rock event last night with my wife and had a number of health and safety concerns. Please forward a copy of any risk assessments currently in place regarding wheelchair users and other mobility restricted individuals.**

Before proceeding, if you have any specific concerns regarding safety issues at De Montfort Hall, you can of course contact the Management Team there with details of your concerns, they will be glad to discuss the matter directly with you. The venue can be contacted via: dmh-office@leicester.gov.uk

Regarding your request, we can confirm that Leicester City Council holds information relevant to your request and that De Montfort Hall holds full documentation relating to health and safety planning, which is current, suitable, and regularly audited.

However, the disclosure of the information that you have requested has been withheld under Section 38 (1) (b) as it is information that would or would be likely to endanger the safety of any individual and Section 31 (1) (a)

Section 38 is a qualified exemption and as such a public interest test had to be applied. In applying the public interest test we have taken into consideration the factors in favour of disclosure; in this case that releasing such information would demonstrate openness and public accountability towards the arrangements for public safety and terror related planning at De Montfort Hall.

We have balanced these against the grounds for non-disclosure, which rested on the fact that disclosure of safety planning documents at De Montfort Hall can be used by terror related organisations to undertake hostile reconnaissance and resulting attacks, and therefore, pose a significant risk to our audiences’ personal safety.

This is set against a background of terror incidents in recent years against entertainment venues including the 2015 attack on the Bataclan Theatre in Paris and the 2017 bombing of the Manchester Arena in the UK. In determining the likelihood, we refer to the current UK threat level which is defined as ‘substantial’ meaning an attack is likely.

Section 31 (1) (a) (Law Enforcement) is also applicable:

(1) Information which is not exempt information by virtue of section 30 is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to, prejudice-

(a) the prevention or detection of crime

Any disclosure made under the Act is made to the world-at-large and the Council considers that releasing the information requested would adversely affect public safety and have a negative impact on law enforcement and the prevention of crime.

Therefore, on balance, we have concluded that the public interest in maintaining the above exemptions outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

You may re-use the information under an [Open Government Licence](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/doc/open-government-licence/version/2/).

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, please write, explaining your grounds of appeal, to:

**Internal Review**

**Information Governance & Risk**

**Email:** **info.requests@leicester.gov.uk**