Request Ref: 2563

FOI Request dated **16/02/2022** as follows -

- *As of 15/02/22, how many of your university's lecture halls, seminar rooms, campus catering facilities and/or student bar/socialising areas do not allow access to wheelchairs? I am including 'step free access' in the definition of wheelchair accessible here.*
- *Can you please breakdown Q1 into the type (i.e. seminar room, lecture hall etc) of the space that is not wheelchair accessible, send me a picture (jpeg) of this space, and tell me how many different types of these spaces at your university are not wheelchair accessible.*
- *As of 15/02/22, how many lecture halls, seminar rooms, campus catering facilities and student bar/socialising areas does your university have?*
- *Please breakdown Q3 into the type- and amount- of these spaces your university has.*

The Freedom of Information Act requires that this request is dealt with in a manner that is motive and applicant blind. A disclosure under this legislation is considered a disclosure to the world and is considered to be on the basis that it is in the public interest.

Response

Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at Section 1(1)(a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held. The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held. Where exemptions are relied upon Section 17 of FOIA requires that we provide the applicant with a notice which: a) states that fact b) specifies the exemption(s) in question and c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

It has been determined that this information is exempt on the basis that s21 of the Act applies – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means. As this exemption is absolute there is no requirement for me to conduct a public interest test, however in order to provide assistance I provide the following link - **https://www.accessable.co.uk/university-of-hull and https://www.hull.ac.uk/editor-assets/docs/campus-map.pdf and https://virtualtour.hull.ac.uk/take-a-look-around**