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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom Of Information Act 2000 – Information request (ref: FOI_19-164)

We have now considered your request of 14 June 2019 and clarification email of 18 June 2019 for information relating to the University's investment policies.

Our response is on page 2 of this letter, together with a copy of your request.

On this occasion it is not possible to provide all the requested information. In line with your rights under section 1(1)(a) of the Act to be informed whether information is held, we confirm that the University does not hold some information relevant to your request. Further information is on page 2 of this letter.

We hope this information will meet your requirements, however if you are not satisfied you have the right of appeal. If you wish to appeal, please set out in writing your reasons for appealing and send to the above address. You must appeal within 40 working days of the date of this letter. In line with section 5.3 of the UK Government's Freedom of Information Act Code of Practice, we are not obliged to accept internal reviews after this date.

You also have a subsequent right of appeal to the Information Commissioner's Office. Further information is available on their website:

https://ico.org.uk/Global/contact_us, or by telephone on 0303 123 1113.

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Please quote our reference given at the head of this letter in all correspondence.

Yours sincerely

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Response to Freedom of Information Act request (FOI_19-164)

Can you please provide me with a copy of UEA's investment policy, and provide information on what, if any, measures are being taken to ensure that none of its investments directly or indirectly support industries causing environmental damage?

A copy of the University's investment policy can be found via our website:

<https://portal.uea.ac.uk/finance/endowment-fund-investment>

[Information not held - s.1(1)(a), Freedom of Information Act]

As you will see from this link, this policy does not specifically address environmental issues.

The University has limited funds invested in a unitised investment vehicle (Barclays Charity Fund). The Fund has the following ethical statement:

'The fund aims to have zero direct exposure to companies that generate a meaningful proportion of their turnover from tobacco, pornography, gambling, or the manufacture or sales of arms. This investment policy is implemented using EIRIS Portfolio Management, an independent research platform specialising in socially-responsibly investing.'

It does not, however, address the position of the Fund in relation to environmental issues.