

Bradley Duckphatt

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Date as email

Dear Bradley Duckphatt,

FOI-21-4073 – Clarification of request

I refer to your request received by HS2 Ltd on 25 February 2021, in which you sought access to information under the Environmental Information Regulations ('EIR') 2004 ('the Regulations').

Please note that under regulation 12(4)(c), if a request is not sufficiently clear to enable the authority to locate or identify the requested information, then there is duty for that public body, to provide advice and assistance to the requestor in seeking further clarification.

We are writing to gather more information from you, so that we can comply with your request.

Your Request

- 1. How are you mitigating for the loss of 48.5million litres of water per day in the colne valley?***
- 2. How will the water be replaced after you've closed the 4 pumping stations?***
- 3. Thames valley are replacing 10 million litres so where will the rest be replaced from?***

Unfortunately, question one above is not specific enough for us to be able to identify and locate the information relevant to your request. Can you clarify what you mean by this statement, particularly in what way is 48.5 million litres of water being 'lost' from the Colne Valley? It is not clear how you have arrived at this figure.

In relation to question three, please can you clarify if this should say Thames Water rather than Thames Valley?

To enable us to proceed with your request I would be grateful if you could resubmit your request with the above noted clarification which will enable us to try to locate the information that you require.

Your response

It is necessary for me to also inform you that once a public authority has refused a request under 12(4)(c), and provided reasonable advice and assistance, it does not need to take any further action unless it gets a response back from the requester.

However, if you decide to provide us with clarification your request will be treated as a new request, and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days, as defined by regulation, subject to the application of any statutory exceptions.

Yours sincerely

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