

Our Reference: 101517
Your Reference: 700489-f0e95276

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Dear Ms Taylor

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information about smart motorways dated 20 October 2020.

We have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked us:

1	I ask to be provided with all information between Highways England, DfT and contractors about the suspension of smart motorway construction and potential termination of the projects
2	What penalties are there for the suspension or termination of the contracts?
3	I ask to be provided with all information between Highways England, DfT and contractors about the safety issues associated with smart motorway construction.
4	I ask to be provided with all information between Highways England, DfT, contractors and Chief Constables about the safety issues associated with smart motorways and the decision not to prosecute Highways England or their management.

We have estimated that the cost of compiling your request will exceed £450. Section 12 of the Act does not oblige us to comply with requests if they exceed this limit.

- For Question One, it is not possible to supply 'all information'. Please could you narrow the scope of your request to a specific date range- for example, one year.
- For Question Three, it is not possible to supply 'all information'. Please could you narrow the scope of your request to a specific date range- for example, one year.

- For Question Four, it is not possible to supply 'all information'. Please could you narrow the scope of your request to a specific date range- for example, one year.

Please note that if we cannot agree a revised request by 17 November 2020 we will have to refuse your request in reliance on the Section 12 exemption.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us by email: info@highwaysengland.co.uk. Please kindly quote reference number 101517 in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.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. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely

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