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Dear Ms Colclough,

Freedom of Information Act Request - F0019391

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 22 January 2021. The first part of your request is being dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Your second question is being dealt with under the terms of business as usual as it is a general question and you are not seeking a specific piece of recorded information.

You asked for the following information:-

'In square kilometres, how much land, including temporary sites will HS2 Phase one cover.

Also, how will HS2 rebalance opportunity fairly across the country?'

In regard to your first question, we do not hold the information that you have asked for. This information is owned by HS2 Ltd. As the company is regarded as a separate public authority under the FOI Act, you may wish to submit a direct request to HS2 Ltd. Their FOI Team can be contacted at:

HS2enquiries@hs2.org.uk.

With regard to your second question, HS2 is a long-term investment that will transform our country's transport network, bringing our biggest cities closer together and boosting productivity. By supporting thousands of skilled jobs, HS2 will fire up economic growth and rebalance opportunity across this country.

In addition to the towns and cities which will be directly served by HS2, HS2 will free up space for services on the existing network. The capacity released on the conventional network will enable improved regional and cross-country services. HS2 will be a fundamental part of Great Britain's future rail network, unlocking benefits for rail passengers across the country, not just those directly served by the route.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's FOI Advice Team at:

E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please send or copy any follow-up correspondence relating to this request to the FOI Advice Team to help ensure that it receives prompt attention. Please also remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

Correspondence Team
High Speed and Major Rail Projects Group

Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

Your complaint will be acknowledged and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

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
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