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Dear WaiHon Lam,

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information you requested on 10 January, which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You asked how the HS2 project will be funded?

As outlined in the suite of documents published as part of the public consultation (available online at: www.dft.gov.uk/highspeedrail), although the case for HS2 has been calculated on the basis of the project being fully publically funded, there are a number of businesses and other organisations which could benefit from the construction of new high speed rail lines. Government expects to work with such parties to consider whether it would be appropriate for them to contribute to the cost of those links. In addition, the Government intends to work closely with property developers to ensure that the very significant development opportunities created by the proposed stations are maximised. Experience from other high speed schemes in this country shows that this can provide a significant contribution to the overall funding of any new high speed lines. We will consider the appropriate overall funding package for HS2 as part of the development phase for the line.

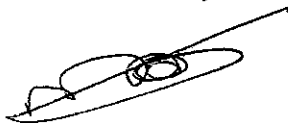
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Zone D/04
Ashdown House
Sedlescombe Road North
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E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner. If you have any queries about this letter please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Cox', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Paul Cox

Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain within 40 working days 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 publication scheme.

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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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