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Dear Mr Pease

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information about Highways England's designated air quality fund expenditure with local authorities dated 2 April 2019. We have dealt with your request under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. This is because the information requested concerns measures and activities affecting or likely to affect elements of the environment or affect factors such as noise, pollution discharges and other releases into the environment.

You asked us:

"In today's The Times you are quoted as saying: "Since 2015.... we have spent £7.7m of the air quality funds ... and continue to support local authorities with the delivery of their clean air zones."

Please set out - in tabular form if need be –

1a/ Which local authorities have you given financial support for air quality and (if there are any) how much?

1b/ For those local authorities you have not financially supported, what was the nature of the support you gave (with brief description)?

Your Air Quality Plan pledged to "go beyond business as usual by looking for opportunities to improve air quality across our network";

2/ Which local authorities have you gone 'beyond business as usual' (if there are any, please give brief examples)?

1a Which local authorities have you given financial support for air quality and (if there are any) how much?

Activity	Local Authority	Expenditure (£)
A616 Langsett traffic management feasibility study	Barnsley Borough Council	51,704
South Yorkshire air quality barrier feasibility study	Sheffield City Council	837,950
Support to develop their CAZ plans	Sheffield & Rotherham Councils	37,195
Electric van demonstration centre	Leeds City Council	2,013,520
Electric charging points	Kingston-upon-Hull	5,000
Urban barrier feasibility study on the A35 and A38	West Dorset Council and Cornwall Council	6,143
Traffic management feasibility study on the A35	West Dorset Council	29,074
Traffic management feasibility study on the A38	Cornwall County Council	22,517
M27 travel demand feasibility study	Southampton Council	20,000
Total		3,023,104

1b	Other type of support provided to local authorities	Highways England has established a group of air quality focal points, who are engaging with those local authorities tasked by government to prepare local air quality plans. These groups regularly engage with the relevant local authorities, inputting into the development of their local air quality plans, providing advice on the potential interactions with the strategic road network and signing posting any ideas they may have for potential air quality mitigation measures to Highways England's designated air quality funds.
2	Which local authorities have you gone 'beyond business as usual' (if there are any, please give brief examples)?	See information provided for response to 1a

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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:

Yours sincerely



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