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Our Ref: F0013143

23 February 2016

Dear Mr Rukin,

### **Freedom of Information Act Request – Ref: F0013143**

I am writing regarding your request for information, which the Department received on 11 December 2015 (our ref: F0013143). In that request, you asked for the following information:

***“If I understand the sequence correctly, the Major Projects Authority produce two annual reports on HS2. I submitted a request to you earlier in the year (F0012817) regarding the first one in 2015. This request relates to the second report conducted in 2015.***

***I would at the very least like to know the latest traffic light rating given to the HS2 project by the Major Project Authority, and when this happened. I would also like a copy of this report. Failing this, I wish to know the areas of concern and/or suggested actions which have been recommended.”***

I am the independent reviewer who has considered your complaint of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016, which suggested that the Department did not deal with your request for information correctly.

I have now completed my internal review and this letter sets out the outcome.

I have concluded that the department interpreted your email in good faith as a request for a Major Projects Authority (MPA) report from 2015 on the whole HS2 project, and as there is not such a report I therefore uphold the finding that we do not hold this information.

Nevertheless, I consider that, in keeping with our duty under section 16 of the Act to provide advice and assistance, we could have been more helpful in discussing your

request with you directly at the time. However, in light of your subsequent request of 19<sup>th</sup> January 2016 (our ref: F0013243), in which you have broadened the definition of what you are looking for, I propose to take no further action with respect to this request.

If you are not content with the outcome of this 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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Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Elithorn'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial 'C' and a stylized 'Elithorn'.

Cavendish Elithorn  
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