

Ms Elizabeth Thirsk
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Date as email

Dear Ms Thirsk

FOI-20-3751-R – Internal Review response

I am writing in response to your concerns about HS2 Ltd's handling of your request for information (our reference: **FOI-20-3751**).

I am a member of the HS2 Ltd Executive Team appointed to carry out an independent review of the original decision made in relation to your request, and as someone that was not involved in the original decision.

This review of your original request is an entirely new and separate decision and is explained as such below.

Original request

In your original request received on 28 July 2020 you sought access to the following data:

I am requesting all bat survey data from the last 2 years for the trees in Cubbington woods.

Internal review

As part of this review response: I have considered the following to ensure that:

1. We correctly identified whether the information requested was held by HS2 Ltd
2. We appropriately responded within the statutory deadlines
3. That the exceptions Regulation 13 & Regulation 12(5)(g) were correctly applied

The requested data was sent to you in our original response (Including BT2 and BT3 data). However, we acknowledge it may have been unclear that the data we supplied included BT2 & BT3 information. We apologise for not clearly stating this and have re-supplied the information, this time more clearly labelled.

Information has again been redacted from these documents in accordance with Regulation 13 and Regulation 12(5)(g). These exceptions were correctly applied in our original response.

I note that in your request for an internal review, you have asked for new information, not originally specified in your initial request. The internal review process is an opportunity for you to have the original decision revisited, rather than requesting new information.

Therefore, we will address your request pertaining to the names of companies who conducted the bat surveys separately. We aim to respond to this new request, which has been logged under a new reference number **FOI-20-3839**, on or before 22 October 2020.

Conclusion

I trust that this is now clear, and this response addresses your concerns. If you are not content with the way we have handled your review, you may take this up in writing with the Information Commissioner, please see further details below.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI-20-3751-R** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Rayner

Director of Infrastructure
High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

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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