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Date as email

Dear Mr Amis

FOI-20-3605

Thank you for your information request of 20 March 2020. Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information ('FOI') Act 2000 ('the Act').

In your email you requested the following information:

Under the FOI act, please provide the reasons for each specific redaction in the published Board Minutes from the second half of 2019.

I am very happy for you to provide the redacted material if for example you find you have redacted these minutes in error. But please note that I am requesting not the redacted material but the reasons for the redactions. Thus, providing the reasons for these redactions should not engage any exemptions.

RESPONSE

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act'), you have the right to:

- know whether we hold the information you requested
- be provided with that information (subject to any exemptions under the Act which may apply).

I can confirm that HS2 Ltd holds the information that you have requested. Please see attached **Annex A**. Within the documents the following exemptions are indicated by their section numbers.

Section 31 of the Act – Law Enforcement

Section 36 of the Act – Prejudice to the effective conduct of public affairs

Section 40 of the Act – Personal Data

Section 41 of the Act – Information provided in confidence

Section 42 of the Act - Legal professional privilege

Section 43 of the Act – Commercial interests

Right to Review

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain in writing to HS2 Ltd at the address below. Please also see attached details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI-20-3605** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

Carl Bird

Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Manager

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Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd 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.

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
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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