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Dear Mr Bickerdike

Thank you for your request for information made under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 relating to communication between the Council and Highways England or its agent, Jacobs. Please see the response provided below:

Could you please provide all documentation/correspondence/emails etc exchanged between the Council and Highways England or its agent, Jacobs, regarding the following disused railway bridges:

EVL/2088, carrying the access road to Red House Farm at Lyminge (TR164406) EVL/2082, carrying Shuttlesfield Lane at Ottinge (TR170422) EVL/2081, carrying the Acrise road at Ottinge (TR172425) EVL/2066, carrying the Bladbean road at Wingmore (TR187465).

In accordance with the clarification provided, this response has been limited to exchanges since 1st January 2020.

These redundant railway bridges are all owned and maintained by Historical Railways Estate (which is part of Highways England) on behalf of Department for Transport although Kent County Council does have some shared responsibilities which arise from the Transport Act 1968.

For your information, the KCC Structure Names and References for the bridges you have asked about are as follows:

HRE Structure	Ref: KCC Structu	ture No. KCC Structure Name
EVL/2088	886	East Brook
EVL/2082	885	Ottinge
EVL/2081	884	Bereforstal
EVL/2066	883	Wingmore

Please see attached copies of all emails and other information exchanged between the KCC Structures Team and HRE relating to these bridges since 1st January 2020:

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Yours sincerely

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