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Dear Sir/Madam

Gradient profiles

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Original request reference FOI2018/00790

I write in response to your email of 18 July 2018, which requested an internal review of the handling of your request for information made on 20 June 2018.

Your original request read as follows:

'Could you please supply some track diagrams and gradient profiles with their line speeds of the follows lines:

*London Fenchurch Street to Stratford (Overground)
Limehouse to Barking (via London Underground)
London Fenchurch Street to Barking
Barking to Upminster
Upminster to Grays
Barking to Grays
Grays to Pitsea
Upminster to Pitsea
Pitsea to Shoeburyness
Mucking (Outside Linford) to Thameshaven (Coryton)*

In other words the whole network of the c2c line

http://www.projectmapping.co.uk/Reviews/Resources/c2c%20map_evidently-2.jpg '

On 17 July 2018, Network Rail responded to your request as follows:

- the response provided a spreadsheet of gradient data;
- the response explained that line speeds are contained within the National Electronic Sectional Appendix on the Network Rail website and this information was withheld under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA); and
- Network Rail asked for clarification about what kind of track diagrams you required.

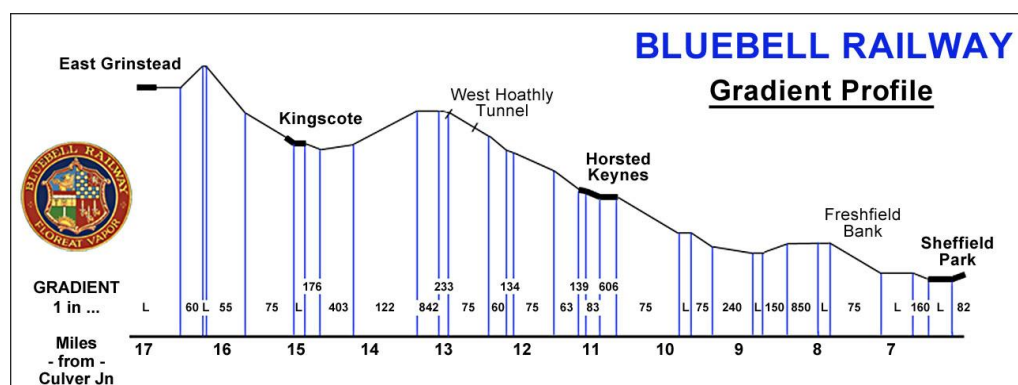
You replied on 18 July 2018 as follows:

'Thank you for the information, but I am afraid I do not understand all the numbers withing the spreadsheet.

Could I ask for it to be put into a Track diagram, similar to this:

<http://www.bluebell-railway.co.uk/bluebell/sym/grad.jpg>

The diagram which you provided is shown below:



On 19 July 2018, Network Rail acknowledged your request for an internal review. On 24 July 2018, Network Rail asked you to clarify the reference in your request to 'Limehouse to Barking (via London Underground)', because Limehouse station is on the mainline railway network and the Docklands Light Railway, but is not a station on the London Underground network. You replied on the same day as follows:

'Sorry for the confusion, its a tight area there. I wanted to know both directions: Limehouse to Barking via Stratford (Bow Junction) and Woodgrange Park.

Limehouse to Barking via West Ham'

Issues on review

The issue in this case is whether Network Rail holds any diagrams showing the gradients for the lines specified in your request, which are similar to the diagram of the Bluebell Railway which you provided on 18 July 2018.

Decision

I have made further enquiries within Network Rail and have located drawings of the gradients for the lines specified in your request. Please find attached the drawings which we have located in our records. Please note that we are providing the gradient information in these drawing which was specifically requested; we have removed other information on the drawings which does not relate to the gradients and which was not requested.

I hope that this further information is helpful, but please let me know if you need any further advice and assistance in interpreting the information.

As Network Rail has recorded information on gradients as both numerical data and drawings, please can I suggest that if you make future requests for gradient information, you make it clear that you would like the gradient information in the form of a diagram.

Details of your appeal rights are below. As a matter of strict interpretation of FOIA, I note here that you have given your name as 'Dr Applejack'. I should therefore advise you that, should you wish to contact the Information Commissioner to complain about the handling of your request, our understanding is that the Information Commissioner will usually not consider any complaints from individuals using a pseudonym and who have not provided their real name.

Yours faithfully

Colin Bendall
Information Officer – Compliance & Appeals

Next steps

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, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please quote the reference number at the top of this letter in all future communications.