

18 October 2018

Mr Graeme Amis

By email: request-521006-92be2843@whatdotheyknow.com

Dear Mr Amis

FOI18-2115

Thank you for your information request of 21 September. I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('EIR') as the information requested is environmental according to the definition in regulation 2 of the EIR. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ('the Act') exempts environmental information from the Act, but requires us to consider it under the EIR.

In your correspondence you requested the following information:

"Under EIRs, please provide the minutes of board level discussions of the Chiltern Aquifer".

I can confirm that HS2 Ltd holds the information that you have requested.

All HS2 Board Minutes are published regularly and can be found at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/high-speed-two-limited/about/our-governance#board-meeting-minutes>.

Please note you may find that the link is more reliable in Google Chrome than in Microsoft Explorer.

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 **FOI18-2115** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

Alistair Hobbs

Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Adviser
High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

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
SK9 5AF