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Dear Mr Moss-Eccardt,

Information request

Reference number: FOI2015/01105

On 31st October 2015 you requested:

“There has been a lot of coverage for several years about the upgrade of Ely North Junction.

In the last year there has been mention by local politicians and MPs of challenges around level crossings in the area, particularly those in Queen Adelaide (there are three in the village itself).

Please could you provide any correspondence, plans and emails that mention these crossings and, particularly, what the problems are and any proposals being considered. Note you do not need to send the 'improving connectivity' paper from last year.”

On 3rd November 2015, you clarified:

“In terms of time frame, anything from the beginning of this year (2015) will probably suffice.

The following news articles may be of assistance:

<http://edp24.co.uk/1.4166910> (where a Network Rail spokesman is said to mention closure) and <http://www.elizabethtruss.com/news/candidates-press-improvements-key-rail-crossing> where SoS for DEFRA says Network Rail told her there were issues with the road crossing

The Ely North upgrade is still in CP5 so the paperwork for that should mention the crossings

The three road/rail crossings in question are the three on the B1382 in Queen Adelaide. The middle one has featured in your safety campaign for university students and all three have enforcement cameras as they are in the top 20 most

dangerous crossings, apparently. They are the three called 'Queen Adelaide' as a result of this search:

<http://www.networkrail.co.uk/transparency/level-crossings/> with postcode CB7 4UQ and a radius of one mile.

**I think they are
Crossing 2529
Crossing 2530 and
Crossing 2531"**

We are considering your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

Section 7(1) of the EIRs

Under regulation 7(1) of the EIRs a public authority may 'extend the period of 20 working days ... to 40 working days if it reasonably believes that the complexity and volume of the information requested means that it is impracticable either to comply with the request within the earlier period or to make a decision to refuse to do so.'

The Information Commissioner's guidance makes it clear that a public authority should apply this section of the EIRs when *'it reasonably believes it will require additional time to locate and provide the information because the requester has asked for a large amount of complex information and it would not be practical to provide the information or make a decision about whether to refuse the request within 20 working days.'*

For further guidance as to the application of the EIRs, you may wish to consult the Information Commissioner's website at:

https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1641/guide_to_environmental_information_regulations.pdf

In this instance owing to the amount of information which is potentially captured within the terms of your request it is necessary to extend the time in line with the provisions of regulation 7(1). Accordingly, I will now aim to respond to you by **30th December 2015** or sooner if possible.

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at FOI@networkrail.co.uk or on 01908 782405. Details of your appeal rights are below.

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

Yours sincerely

Catherine Leach
Information Officer

Appeal Rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the FOI Compliance and Appeals Manager at Network Rail, Freedom of Information, The Quadrant, Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 1EN, or by email at foi@networkrail.co.uk. Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter.

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
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