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Our Ref: F0015927 DATE: 7th June 2018

Mr. Dave Humphrey, What Do They Know (sent via e-mail)

Dear Mr. Dave Humphrey,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST RESPONSE (REFERENCE F0015927)

I am writing regarding your request for information, which the Department for Transport received on Thursday 5 April 2018. In that request, you asked:

Please may I have a copy of all correspondence (Both paper an electronic) between the DfT and traffic commissioners offices between the 1st March 2018 and the 4th April 2018.

Being unable to proceed with your request as originally drafted, I requested clarification about its scope, which you responded to on 8th May 2018.

The clarification questions are below with your responses in bold.

1. Does your request relate to any and all correspondence regardless of subject matter or just correspondence in relation to a particular subject? Please specify which particular subject if that is the case.

My Request is for all and any correspondence relating to any of the following organisations and/or its officers/Directors

Organisations

Operating address:

- **5 MARTIN AVENUE, MARCH, CAMBS, PE15 0AY**
- FENLAND ACT TRADING LIMITED
- **HUNTINGDONSHIRE ACT TRADING LIMITED**
- **ELY & SOHAM ACT TRADING LIMITED**
- FENLAND ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (FACT)
- HUNTINGDONSHIRE ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (HACT)
- **ELY & SOHAM ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY TRANSPORT (ESACT)**

Officers and Directors

- JOANNE PHILPOTT
- STEVEN SHANNON
- DAVID KING
- ERIC CORNISH
- COLIN FROST
 - 2. Which functions of the Office of the Traffic Commissioner should come within the scope of your request?

O Licences.

3. Did you assume that your request to the Department for Transport would include correspondence between the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency and the Office of the Traffic Commissioner?

Yes.

I am writing to advise you that following a search of the Department and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency's paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held.

As I stated in my previous correspondence, please note that the Office of the Traffic Commissioner is a separate public authority from this Department under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and therefore if you wish to obtain information under this Act from them, you will need to contact them directly.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's FOI Advice Team at:

Zone D/04
Ashdown House
Sedlescombe Road North
Hastings
East Sussex TN37 7GA
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please send or copy any follow-up correspondence relating to this request to the FOI Advice Team to help ensure that it receives prompt attention. Please also remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Please see overleaf details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

Buses and Taxis Division buses@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain 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. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

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