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Dear Mr Silverman,

Thank you for your information request of 28 November 2019 stating the following:

Can you please let me have a copy of the internal DfT communication from, or on behalf of the Jesse Norman, asking department officials "to work with Highways England to assess the costs involved"

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that the Department for Transport has now completed its search for the information.

In response to your request, a copy of the note is attached from the office of Jesse Norman asking for an overview of the situation and assessment as to what it would take to bring them under the control of Highways England. Please note that portions of the meeting note that are not in scope of the request have been redacted.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. A copy of this response and the information provided may now be published on the www.gov.uk web-site, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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.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 F0018056 in any future communications.

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

Yours sincerely,

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## 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