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Dear Mr Ridley,

Information request

Reference number: FOI2019/00045

Thank you for your request of 10th January 2019. You requested the following information:

'Please, via FOI / EIA regulations issue me the Value Engineering exercise was undertaken in April 2016 that assessed the viability of passive provision for classic four-tracking and Crossrail 2 in relation to the planning of the currently under construction Stratford to Angel Road third track project.'

We have processed your request under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) as the information requested is environmental according to the definition in Regulation 2 of the EIR. ¹I consider your request falls within the definition outlined in Regulation 2(a) of the EIRs.

I can confirm that we hold the information you requested. Please find attached the Value Engineering Exercise undertaken in April 2016.

Please note that I have withheld names and job titles from the report under Regulation 13(1) of the EIR. This exception allows us to withhold information in circumstances where its disclosure would breach the data protection principles set out at s.35 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulations. In this instance, disclosure would breach the first principle

¹ Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) exempts environmental information from the FOIA but requires us to consider it under the EIR.

which mandates that data must be processed fairly and lawfully. The individuals in question would have no reasonable expectation that their personal information would be disseminated to the world at large through the EIR process and therefore disclosure would not be fair.

I hope you find this information helpful. 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

Danielle Stratton Information Officer

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