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Dear Mr Silverman

Request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Thank you for your request for information dated 25 October 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

This is because the information requested concerns measures and activities affecting or likely to affect elements of the environment or affect factors such as noise, pollution discharges and other releases into the environment.

In your request you said:

Please refer to

<https://www.cleanhighways.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/07/M-Jones-to-KH-re-ATPRs.pdf>

Can you please let me have:

- 1. A copy of the agreement***
- 2. The names of the councils involved?***
- 3. Any reports etc looking at the progress being made / lessons learnt***

On the 22 November 2018 we responded to your request. We said:

We have now completed our search for this information and a copy of it is shown below.

1. A copy of the agreement

Please find enclosed a document titled 'Highway Cleansing Protocol Redacted'. This was the approach that was piloted in part of the Midlands region that has been subsequently superseded by a nationally consistent approach.

2. The names of the councils involved?

North Warwickshire Borough Council
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Rugby Borough Council
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Stratford District Council
Nuneaton & Bedworth BC
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Warwick District Council
Coventry City Council
Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Tamworth Borough Council

3. Any reports etc looking at the progress being made / lessons learnt

Partnership working with local authorities forms part of Highways England's litter strategy. A copy is available at:
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/727987/litter-strategy-annual-report-2017-2018.pdf

Our progress and activities in dealing with litter are reported in our annual report and accounts. A copy is available at:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-england-annual-report-and-accounts-2017-to-2018>

We also provide a full update via the annual DEFRA report on implementing the Litter Strategy for England.

On the 26 November 2018 you contacted us again. You said:

I had asked in relation to the "Dec 2015 Midlands Region partnership agreement" for copies of 'any reports etc looking at the progress being made / lessons learnt'

You have kindly sent me links to documents which report on litter in general. None of them however makes any reference to the Midlands agreement.

I assume therefore that you do not hold any reports etc looking at the progress made / lessons learnt from it. Can you please confirm that this is the case?

The cleansing protocol we sent you was designed to ensure that Highways England and the Local Authorities involved were clear about their responsibilities for clearing litter, procedures for road space booking were set out and shared objectives were stated.

There were no specific targets included in the protocol against which to measure progress – but better partnership working with local authorities is part of our overall litter strategy. Progress against delivering the strategy is reported via the documents we have previously provided.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review within 2 months of the date of this response for Freedom of Information requests and within 40 days for Environmental Information Regulations requests.

Our internal review process is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.uk . You should contact me if you wish to complain.

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

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number EIR 766 911 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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