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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Reference: FOI11-393R

Dear Dr Thornton

I am writing regarding your request for a review of the response sent to you on 25 April 2012.

Your information request was handled by Sebastian Jew. I was appointed to carry out an independent review of the response as a senior executive not involved in the original decision.

You had requested that we disclose all information held relating to the consideration of a deep bored tunnel development at that location and estimates of the amount of spoil that will need to be relocated in the course of constructing the line over the same section of track as it is currently proposed.

After reviewing the case, my findings are that we do not hold the information requested; both for the consideration of the deep bored tunnel development and the estimates of the soil that would be needed to be relocated.

The route announced by the Secretary of State is based on concept design and detailed work as you requested was not undertaken.

If you are not satisfied with this response you have the right to contact the Information Commissioner. Please see annex A for full details of our complaint procedures.

Ian Jordan
Director



Annex A

Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd 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.

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
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