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Our Ref: F0014806

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Dear R Bostock,

Freedom of Information Act Request – F0014806

Thank you for your Freedom of Information (FOI) request of 5 May 2017. You requested the following information:

The British Parking Association stated on their website on December 5th last year that they were in talks with the Department of Communities and Local Government regarding parking enforcement on railway land. The webpage can be found here:
<http://www.britishparking.co.uk/press-re...>

However, I understand that matters regarding the Railway Byelaws still fall within the remit of the Department for Transport. Therefore the talks referred must in fact have been with yourselves rather than the DCLG.

Please would you provide copies of all correspondence, as well as minutes of all meetings, in which this issue was discussed with the BPA.

Your request has been considered under the FOI Act 2000. I am writing to confirm that the Department for Transport (DfT) has now completed its search for the information and holds information that is relevant to your request.

The FOI Act obliges us to respond to requests promptly, in any case no later than 20 working days after receiving your request. However, when a qualified exemption applies to the information, the public interest test needs to be considered. We are not required to comply with your request until such time as is reasonable in the circumstances. We do, of course, aim to make all decisions within 20 working days, including in cases where we need to consider where the public interest lies in respect of a request for exempt information. Your request, however, raises public interest considerations which must be analysed before we can come to a decision on releasing the information.

The exemption that is of potential application to the information you have requested is section 35(1)(a) – formulation or development of government policy.

In your case we need to extend our response time limit by 10 working days in order to complete public interest test considerations for withholding the information or disclosing it. Therefore, we plan to let you have a response by 19 June 2017. If there is a need for any further time extension we will keep you informed.

If you are unhappy with the way the DfT 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 DfT's Information Rights Unit 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 see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

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

Yours sincerely

Craig Welsh
Correspondence Manager- Passenger Services

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
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