

**Mike Haville**

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Date as email

Dear Mike Haville,

## **FOI-21-4268-R – Internal Review response**

I am writing in response to your concerns about HS2 Ltd's handling of your request for information (our reference: FOI-21-4268).

I am a member of the HS2 Ltd Executive Team appointed to carry out an independent review of the original decision made in relation to your request, and as someone that was not involved in FOI-21-4267 nor the response you received from HS2 Ltd dated 05 August 2021.

This review of HS2 Ltd's handling of your request for information (our reference: FOI-21-4268) is an entirely new and separate decision and is explained as such below.

### **Internal review**

On the 08 July 2021 at 10:50am HS2 Ltd received your request for information regarding properties and land parcels. This request was logged and subsequently acknowledged on 09 July 2021 at 13:27 under reference **FOI-21-4267**.

The request received on 08 July 2021 at 16:50 regarding documents relating to the Doug Thornton investigations was also logged on 09 July 2021. This was subsequently acknowledged on 09 July 2021 at 14:32 under reference **FOI-21-4268**.

When a request is deemed complex and voluminous, the Regulations allow us to extend to a maximum of 40 working days. On the 05 August 2021 you were advised that **FOI-21-4267** and **FOI-21-4268** had been combined and the request had been deemed complex and voluminous. Therefore, a further 20 days were needed to respond. We note that you then withdrew the part of your request originally numbered **FOI-21-4267** on 05 August 2021. HS2 Ltd subsequently responded to request FOI-21-4268 by email on 30 September 2021.

Unfortunately, in this instance we did not respond to your request within the maximum legislative timeframe. As our response was sent outside of the maximum required timeframe, I would like to take this opportunity to apologise for the delay in HS2 Ltd responding to your request and any inconvenience this may have caused.

**Conclusion**

I trust that this is now clear and this response addresses your concerns. If you are not content with the way we have handled your review, you may take this up in writing with the Information Commissioner, please see further details below.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI-21-4268-R** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Nicole Geoghegan

**General Counsel**

High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

### **Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner**

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