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Date as email

Dear Ms Row

## **FOI-21-4057 – Clarification of request**

I refer to your request received by HS2 Ltd on 22 February 2021 in which you sought access to information under the Environmental Information Regulations ('EIR') 2004 ('the Regulations').

Please note that under regulation 12(4)(c), if a request is not sufficiently clear to enable the authority to locate or identify the requested information, then there is duty for that public body, to provide advice and assistance to the requestor in seeking further clarification.

We are writing to gather more information from you, so that we can comply with your request. Please note for ease of reference and clarity, we have numbered the FOI questions we identified in your correspondence.

## **Your Request**

Residents have grave concerns regarding the Environmental report completed in 2013 to be used and accepted by the Local Authority to allow a additional 800 or more lorries a week on Tyburn road in Birmingham. A road that breaches pollution levels and already has up to 3000 HGV and freight passing daily within 15 feet of our homes and four feet away from pedestrians also used by many children going to school. The traffic along here has more than doubled since this report was completed, there has been no mitigation put in place to deal with the additional yearly increase in traffic or the additional re routed traffic.

Local health records for this small ward shows our life span has been reduced by eight years and declines yearly, preventable deaths are 68% higher than UK average.

Additional 800 plus HS2 lorries on a road already at overcapacity and polluted with additional dust and noise pollution from these lorries and the reason given for using this road that it would be too expensive to use the A47 spine?

1. Can you confirm that this expense you refer to relates to CAZ charge in Birmingham which you would pay to reach the A47 avoiding residential homes in polluted areas.

2. If not, can you break down what you are referring to as \*expensive\* in relation to Human Life.

### **Our Response**

We are not certain that we have understood your request correctly.

Therefore, I should be grateful if you would explain:

- In terms of questions 1 & 2, could you provide clarification regarding your reference to the 'expense' and 'expensive' being used as a deciding factor in determining routes used. What is the reference for this? That is, when you say that it would be "too expensive to use the A47 spine", where is this quoted?

### **Advice and Assistance**

It is necessary for me to also inform you that once a public authority has refused a request under 12(4)(c), and provided reasonable advice and assistance, it does not need to take any further action unless it gets a response back from the requester.

However, if you decide to provide us with clarification your request will be treated as a new request, and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days, as defined by regulation, subject to the application of any statutory exceptions.

Yours sincerely

### **On behalf of Carl Bird**

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