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Dear Mike Haville,

FOI-22-4639

Thank you for your clarified request which was received on 05 May 2022. I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations ('EIR') 2004 ('the Regulations') because the information you have requested concerns work affecting the environment according to the definition in Regulation 2. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act ('FOI') 2000 ('the Act') exempts environmental information from the Act but requires us to consider it under the Regulations.

REQUEST

"How many miles of haul roads on the entire route from London to Manchester (Phase One, 2a, 2b, West)?:

- a) One side of track centreline**
- b) Both sides of track centre line**

Have been compulsory purchased rather than taken as a temporary possession"

RESPONSE

HS2 Ltd does not hold the information that you have requested. We do not purchase haul roads, we do however acquire the land on which haul roads may be built, to enable access to our construction sites.

For Phase One, our joint venture partners are still working on the final design packages of the new railway, and only when these are finalised will the information requested be available.

For Phase 2a, we are yet to finalise the land acquisition needs. Following this, as with Phase One, final design packages will be worked on. Only upon the full and final design being ready, will the information requested be available.

For Phase 2b, no land has been taken by compulsory purchase - as HS2 Ltd does not have powers, unless and until, the Bill currently in Parliament, receives Royal Assent - and nor has any land been taken as a temporary possession.

Regulation 12(4)(a) – No information

Where we have stated that we do not hold the information, we are relying on the exception found in Regulation 12(4)(a) which is subject to a public interest test. However, the Information Commissioner's Office recognises that it can be impossible to do a meaningful public interest test (PIT) if the information is not held. As such, a PIT has not been carried out. The following link sets out Regulation 12(4)(a) in full:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/3391/regulation/12/made>.

Right to Review

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain in writing to HS2 Ltd. Please find below details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure which includes your right to complain to the Information Commissioner. Please remember to quote reference number **FOI-22-4639** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Adviser

High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd within 40 working days of the date of this response 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
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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