

Joe Rukin

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17 July 2019

Dear Mr Rukin,

FOI-19-3251-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-19-3251) of 12 February 2019.

Your information request was handled by J Palmer – Briefings, Correspondence & FOI Adviser. I was appointed to carry out an independent review as someone not involved in the original decision.

In your request you asked for the following information:

"Recent publicity from HS2 Ltd has claimed that HS2 will "connect around 30 million people" I would like to know how exactly have you arrived at this figure?"

Original decision

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

I can confirm that HS2 Ltd holds the information that you have requested and this is provided as follows: to

Below is a list of the stations that will be connected.

1	London Euston	12	Manchester Piccadilly	23	Haymarket
2	Old Oak Common	13	Warrington	24	Edinburgh Waverley
3	Birmingham Interchange	14	Wigan North Western	25	East Midlands Hub
4	Birmingham Curzon Street	15	Preston	26	Chesterfield
5	Stafford	16	Lancaster	27	Sheffield
6	Stoke-on-Trent	17	Oxenholme	28	Leeds
7	Macclesfield	18	Penrith	29	York
8	Crewe	19	Carlisle	30	Darlington
9	Runcorn	20	Lockerbie	31	Durham
10	Liverpool Lime Street	21	Motherwell	32	Newcastle
11	Manchester Airport	22	Glasgow Central		

Population Statistics

Figures from the Office of National Statistics 2015 mid-year estimates were used for the calculation. The 30 million figure is derived from population data for Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) areas served by HS2 stations, and - for Scotland (where there are no LEPs) - data on the population of local authorities.

Internal review request

On 28 May 2019 you contacted HS2 Ltd to request an internal review as your request was not responded to within the relevant timescales.

Internal review

I have reviewed your request and apologise for the delay in responding to your Freedom of Information request. This delay was caused by an administrative error, and at the least, we should have kept you informed of the subsequent delay.

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-19-3251-R** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Tom Kelly

Strategic Director Stakeholder Engagement
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
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