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Please ask for Kerry Marron

Our ref: 5950360 **Your ref**: **Date**: 02 October 2020

Dear Dr Thornton

Environmental Information Regulations 2004

Further to your information request concerning HS2 road closures in Burton Green, I am writing to inform you that some of the information you requested is not held by Warwickshire County Council.

Therefore regulation 12(4)(a) applies to your request. Regulation 12(4)(a) provides an exception to the duty to disclose information when information is not held.

Please provide any information you hold which sets out the council's strategy to fulfil the requirements of section 4 of the EIRs. Such development is essential to prevent recurrences of this debacle over the extended period of this project. This information is not held by the Council as HS2 completed their own Environmental Impact assessment as part of their deposit of the Hybrid bill in 2014. Further information can be requested from HS2 via their help desk

I have detailed below the information that is held.

1. The pdf document referred to 'HS2 Notification Kenilworth Greenway This is a HS2 document (the data owner) it is not one created by the Council. https://s3-eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/commonplace-customerassets/hs2inwarwicks/LM%20Kenilworth%20Greenway%20update August%202020 FI

NAL%20(003).pdf

https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/burton-green-tunnel-designengagement/details

2. The application to close the roads in Burton Green, including any additional enclosures or attachments, that was submitted by HS2 Ltd

This is not an application. That right is granted under the HS2 Act. The measure Warwickshire County Council has is to check the safety of the closure and where necessary and possible within the HS2 Act modify it. A copy of the consent is attached. Please see the attached documents.

13757 Hob Lane, Kenilworth - Road Closure & Diversion
TA003THW-AN-WCC-LM-624 Red Lane Closure - Works record - Ack
18.08.20_redacted
TA003THW-AN-WCC-LM-624 Red Lane Closure - Application details - Ack
18.08.20_redacted

3. Subsequent communications between HS2 Ltd and the Council (i) about this road closure particularly, or (ii) about road closures generally for which this particular work would be an included example.

The list of roads affected by the HS2 development in Warwickshire is contained in the Act. The area around Burton Green is listed on page 153.

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2017/7/contents/enacted

You will also be able to access more detailed information about Warwickshire from the HS2 website:

https://hs2inwarwicks.commonplace.is/schemes/proposals/works-in-your-area/details

Or by contacting HS2 directly though their helpdesk:

https://www.hs2.org.uk/in-your-area/contact-us/

4. Prior material or communications between HS2 Ltd and the council that is referenced in the documentation under points 1, 2 and 3 above and that has not otherwise been published.

Please see question 3 above.

I also note that the charge for a 'temporary' road closure application is a one off payment (£1480) irrespective of the duration of the road closure. Please send me the relevant minutes and any policy document from when that charging policy was adopted by the council.

Please see the attached document and the relevant link to the Portfolio meeting on 14 January 2014 .

01 Proposed Increase in the Cost of Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders

https://democracy.warwickshire.gov.uk/CeListDocuments.aspx?Committeeld=143&Mee tingld=832&DF=14%2f01%2f2014&Ver=2

Please note that under the HS2 Act there are no fees or payments for road closures, this is disapplied under the HS2 Act.

Please note that personal details (i.e. names and addresses) of third parties contained within any of the documents have been redacted where appropriate.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Information Management
Shire Hall
Warwick
CV34 4RL
inforights@warwickshire.gov.uk

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:

The Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Phone: 0303 123 1113 Website: www.ico.org.uk

I will now close your request as of this date.

Yours sincerely

Kerry Marron
Freedom of Information Team
Customers and Information Services