

Our refs: CRS 675,703 - Roadworker Safety
(HAIL Reference 13310093)
CRS 675,706 - Conemaster Review
(HAIL Reference 13310270)

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Alan Jordan

19th June 2012

Via email

Dear Mr Jordan

YOUR REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

With reference to your requests of 26th May 2012, I am writing to inform you that these requests are refused under Section 14 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Section 14 (1) states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request if the request is vexatious.

In reaching our decision we have considered the recent review of the Conemaster economic benefits, a considerable piece of publicly funded work commissioned by the Highways Agency, in response to your approach to the Minister.

In addition you have submitted two Parliamentary Questions plus a total of six Freedom of Information requests to the Highways Agency related to the subject of the Conemaster machine and road closures for highway maintenance. In addition we understand that you have also contacted the Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) and the Department for Transport, our parent Department, on the same subject. We have tried, wherever possible, to answer all of your previous requests.

Your recent requests continue the same pattern of requests which are related to the subject of Conemaster. Despite providing you with the information you have requested, there is no indication that these requests will cease; and providing more information will likely lead to further correspondence and requests that are unlikely to satisfy your interest.

Whilst we were considering your requests of the 24th April and the 10th May you submitted these further requests. These overlapping requests are having the effect of

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harassing the teams handling them and is incurring a significant diversion of resources from core Highways Agency duties.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/foiresponses/FOIresponses/8024.aspx>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Highways Agency Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk . You should contact me if you wish to complain.

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
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,



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Annex A – Guidance

Information Commissioner's Office (2008) – Vexatious and repeated requests –
http://www.ico.gov.uk/for_organisations/guidance_index/~media/documents/library/Freedom_of_Information/Detailed_specialist_guides/VEXATIOUS_AND_REPEATED_REQUESTS.ashx

Independent Police Complaints Commission v The Information Commissioner [2012]
First-Tier Tribunal (General Regulatory Chamber, Information Rights) EA/2011/0222
<http://www.informationtribunal.gov.uk/DBFiles/Decision/i725/20120329%20Decision%20EA20110222.pdf>

