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Dear Mike Haville,

#### FOI-22-4622

Thank you for your information request which was received on 14 April 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**

"Please send me a copy of Jun 2019 IPA Review document as described in the NAO HS2 Report Jan 2020 High Speed Two: Page 28, figure 6, 2019 Jun

https://www.nao.org.uk/report/high-speed-two-a-progress-update/

"The Infrastructure and Projects Authority undertakes a review and concludes that successful delivery is unachievable"."

### **RESPONSE**

HS2 Ltd does not hold the information that you have requested.

You may wish to approach the Department for Transport (DfT) to see if they hold any recorded information related to your request. You can submit a Freedom of Information request to them via the following link:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/accessing-information-from-any-part-of-dft

### Regulation 12(4)(a) - No information

Where we have stated that we do not hold the information we are relying on EIR exception 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: <a href="http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/3391/regulation/12/made">http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/3391/regulation/12/made</a>.

# **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-22-4622** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

## J. Palmer

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 Cheshire SK9 5AF