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From: enquiries@nic.gsi.gov.uk

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Ref: NIC2017-7

Dear Sir/Madam,

Freedom of Information Act 2000: Launch of the National Infrastructure Assessment - Friday 13th October - Birmingham

Thank you for your Freedom of Information enquiry of 09 October 2017.

You asked for the following information:

- *Mayors of which metropolitan areas have been invited to participate in the launch of the National Infrastructure Plan on Friday 13th October in Birmingham?*
- *Has an invitation been made for the Metro Mayor of the Liverpool City Region to participate in the launch of the National Infrastructure Plan? If not, on what basis was the decision made not to invite the Mayor of the Liverpool City Region, but to invite the Mayors of London, Greater Manchester and the West Midlands?*
- *Have any representatives from the Liverpool City Region been invited to participate in the launch of the National Infrastructure Plan, alongside those from London, Greater Manchester and the West Midlands?*

I can confirm that the National Infrastructure Commission (NIC) does hold information within the scope of your request.

I can confirm that every directly-elected Mayor representing a combined authority – including the Mayor of the Liverpool City Region – was invited to participate in the launch of the interim National Infrastructure Assessment held in Birmingham on 13 October 2017. Due to a prior engagement, the Mayor of the Liverpool City Region was unable to attend the launch and sent his apologies in advance of the event.

The National Infrastructure Commission continues to engage with all of the mayoral combined authorities, including the Liverpool City Region, and has recently appointed a policy adviser to continue this work.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us quoting the reference number above in any future communications.

Kind regards,

Enquiries Team
National Infrastructure Commission

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