

**Andy Soames**  
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Dear Andy Soames,

Date as email

## **FOI-22-4678 – Clarification of Request**

I refer to your request received by HS2 Ltd on 16 June 2022, in which you sought access to information under the Environmental Information Regulations ('EIR') 2004 ('the Regulations').

Please note, under Regulation 12(4)(c), if a request is not sufficiently clear to enable a public authority to locate or identify the requested information; then there is duty for that public authority to provide advice and assistance to the requester in seeking further clarification.

We are therefore writing to gather more information from you, so that we can comply with your request.

## **REQUEST**

**Can you please advise of the route miles, and single track miles, for the following sections, or if more convenient, shorter sections:**

**Phase 1 - London to Birmingham and WCML junction near Lichfield Phase 2a - junction with Phase 1 to Crewe Phase 2b - Crewe to Manchester**

**HS2 Golborne Link - the now cancelled leg to Golborne**

**HS2 East - from the earlier phases to the East Midlands**

**HS2 to Yorkshire - the original eastern branch from the earlier phases to Leeds and Church Fenton**

## **RESPONSE**

Unfortunately, part of the above request, is too vague. It is unclear what points we should measure with regard to 'HS2 East'. Please clarify where you would like us to measure from and to, for the HS2 East part of the route.

### **Advice and Assistance**

In order to help source the information you request, please can you reframe your question, to provide further clarity and enable us to respond accordingly.

To enable us to proceed with your request, I would be grateful if you could resubmit your request, providing an answer to the above question. This will enable us to try to locate the information you require.

Your request for information has now been refused under Regulation 12(4)(c). It is necessary for me to inform you, that once a public authority has refused a request under this Regulation and provided reasonable advice and assistance, it is not required to take any further action unless it receives a response back from the requester. This matter is now closed, pending receipt of a further correspondence from you.

Should you provide us with clarification, your request will be treated as a new request, and you will receive a response within the statutory timescale of 20 working days, as defined by the Regulations.

### **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-22-4678** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

**Briefings, Correspondence and Freedom of Information 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