

Andy Soames

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Date as email

Dear Andy Soames

FOI-22-4688 – Extension of Time

Thank you for your correspondence of 25 June 2022, received by HS2 Ltd on 27 June 2022. I am writing to advise you that the time limit for responding to your request for information under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ('the Regulations') needs to be extended.

The Regulations stipulate that we should respond to a request within 20 working days. However, having reviewed your request we have decided to extend the time limit in accordance with Regulation 7(1).

Regulation 7(1) provides that where a request is made under Regulation 5, the public authority may extend the period of 20 working days to 40 working days if there is reasonable belief that the request might be complex and voluminous.

We therefore aim to provide a response to you by 22 August 2022, we will, of course endeavour to get a response to you sooner, if practicable to do so.

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-22-4688** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

Briefings Correspondence and Freedom of Information (BCFOI) 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
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