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Dear Mr Brown

Information request
Reference number: FOI2020/00254

Thank you for your email of 11 February 2020, in which you requested the following information:

'Would you please be able to provide a response to the following questions as part of a university project I'm working on.'

- *What is the length (distance) of track operated by northern rail and what proportion of this is electrified?*
- *What plans are there for future electrification of these lines?'*

I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as the information requested is environmental according to the definition in regulation 2(c)¹ of the EIR (which refers to measures and activities affecting or likely to affect elements of the environment).

Further to my email to you on 10 March 2020 where I advised that we were still conducting searches to confirm whether there were any other future electrification plans for the lines operated by Northern, I can now confirm that we have completed these searches.

I can advise that we are currently in the development stage for an electrification scheme between Wigan and Lostock. Please note these proposals are not yet confirmed and are subject to DFT ongoing evaluation and approval.

¹ Please note section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) exempts environmental information from the FOIA but requires us to consider it under the EIR.

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Yours sincerely

Anisha Pandya
Information Officer

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