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Dear Mr Soames

Information request

Reference number: FOI2019/00955

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2019, in which you requested the following information:

Please supply a copy of your current Route Regulating Statement for your LNE route, as per this previous successful request
(https://www.whatdotheyknow.com/request/ecml_regulation_policies).

I have processed your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that we hold the information you requested. Please find attached the *London North Eastern & East Midlands Route Regulating Policy and Local Statements* as requested. Please note that although the document states that it is "Effective from: TBC", our experts have confirmed that it is currently in use and has been since the end of July 2019.

The Route Regulating Statement is developed through an extensive consultation exercise with our train operating companies (TOCs) and is reviewed on a quarterly basis and in advance of each timetable change date in May and December. It is therefore a constantly evolving document as we respond to both timetable changes, our train operator requirements and changing network requirements. It is worth bearing in mind that while the Regulation Statement is developed in consultation with the TOCs, the Network Rail route team make the final decisions on regulation.

When reviewing the attached document you will see I have withheld a small amount of information from disclosure. I have done this with reference to section 40(2) of the FOIA. This exemption allows us to withhold information in circumstances where its disclosure would breach the data protection principles set out at s.35 of the Data Protection Act 2018 and Article 5 of the General Data Protection Regulations. In this instance, disclosure of personal details such as names and job titles would breach the first principle which mandates that data must be processed fairly and lawfully. The individuals in question would have had no reasonable expectation that their personal information would be disseminated to the world at large through the FOIA.

I hope the information and explanations provided are helpful. If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at FOI@networkrail.co.uk or on 01908 782405. Details of your appeal rights are below.

Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in all future communications.

Yours sincerely

Emma Meadows
Information Officer

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