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Dear Ms Dickinson

Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information about the M6 dated 29 March 2021.

You asked us:

As part of an internal enquiry involving vehicle accidents and prevention could you possibly address the queries we have below.

1	<i>The number of vehicle accidents which have taken place between Junction 16 & 18, M6 motorway, Sandbach. (southbound)</i>
2	<i>The number of the accidents involving bridge strike and the severity.</i>
3	<i>Of those accidents how many involved injuries, and the severity</i>
4	<i>When was the 'smart' motorway begun? And when was it completed the 'smart' motorway works, for how long was this section restricted to a reduced number of lanes</i>
5	<i>How many accidents per month have taken place during the ongoing works and immediately after the re-opening</i>
6	<i>What is the width of each operational lane, and has this reduced, increased or stayed the same since the introduction of the 'smart' motorway</i>

We will be unable to proceed with your request without clarification of the information you wish to receive. To help us do so, please could you let us know.

Question One

Please could you specify a date range e.g. one year or two years

We are only able to provide data for the complete scheme i.e. M6 J16 to J19, please could you let us know if this is acceptable?

Question Two

Please could you confirm if bridge strikes refer to bridges only relating to M6, J16-J19, or nationally?

Please note that if we do not receive appropriate clarification of your information requirements within three months from the date of this letter, then we will consider your request closed.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us by email: info@highwaysengland.co.uk. Please kindly quote reference number 101988 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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