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Dear Jungwoo Jung

**Information request**  
**Reference number: FOI2019/00692**

Thank you for your email of 21 June 2019, in which you requested the following information:

*I am writing to you under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information 2000 to request the following information of:*

- (1) *Birmingham New Street Station Renovation - Birmingham New Street gateway project (new station).*
- (2) *Border Railway Project*
- (3) *Derby Station Area Remodelling*
- (4) *Dr Days Junction to Filton Abbey Wood Capacity Improvements*
- (5) *Gospel Oak to Barking Electrification*
- (6) *Kings Cross Station Improvements – I had in mind the following (I think both of them refer the same project):*  
<https://www.networkrailconsulting.com/assets/Uploads/Kings-Cross-Station.pdf>  
<https://www.theguardian.com/business/2012/mar/14/five-year-redevelopment-kings-cross-station>
- (7) *North Trans Pennine Electrification*
- (8) *North West Electrification (Northern Hub)*

*From Network Rail:*

- 1. Application for Full Approval. If Application for Full Approval is not available, please provide Full Business Case.**
- 2. Information on:**
  - a) date in service**
  - b) completed construction costs**

- c) **completed land related costs**
- d) **completed finance costs (if any)**
- e) **completed other significant costs. By other" Significant Costs I mean the total cost minus construction cost, minus land cost, minus finance cost**

You also confirmed the following in your email of 26 June 2019:

*Just in case you can locate neither Application for Full Approval nor Business Case, any government approval documents to go ahead with a project are acceptable as long as they provide estimated schedule and cost information before the start of construction. Thank you.*

I have been considering your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as this type of information is environmental according to the definition in regulation 2(c) of the EIRs; this is because the information concerns a measure affecting the environment.<sup>1</sup>

### **Regulation 7(1) – volume and complexity**

Under regulation 7(1) of the EIRs a public authority may

*‘extend the period of 20 working days ... to 40 working days if it reasonably believes that the complexity and volume of the information requested means that it is impracticable either to comply with the request within the earlier period or to make a decision to refuse to do so.’*

The Information Commissioner’s guidance makes it clear that a public authority should apply this section of the EIRs when ‘it reasonably believes it will require additional time to locate and provide the information because the requester has asked for a large amount of complex information and it would not be practical to provide the information or make a decision about whether to refuse the request within 20 working days.’<sup>2</sup>

In this instance, owing to the number of questions (and sub-questions) you have asked and the consequent number of experts we have needed to consult/information we have been required to look for, it is not practical to provide you with a response with the initial 20 working day period. Accordingly, in line with the provisions of regulation 7(1), I will now aim to respond to you as soon as possible and by 20 August 2019 at the latest.

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at [FOI@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:FOI@networkrail.co.uk) or on 01908 782405. Details of your appeal rights are below.

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<sup>1</sup> Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) exempts environmental information from the FOIA and requires us to consider it under the EIR.

<sup>2</sup> For further guidance as to the application of the EIRs, you may wish to consult the Information Commissioner’s website at: [https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1641/guide\\_to\\_environmental\\_information\\_regulations.pdf](https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1641/guide_to_environmental_information_regulations.pdf)

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

Yours sincerely

**Emma Meadows**  
**Information Officer**

### **Appeal Rights**

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, please write to the Head of Freedom of Information at Network Rail, Freedom of Information, The Quadrant, Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 1EN, or by email at [foi@networkrail.co.uk](mailto:foi@networkrail.co.uk). Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter.

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  
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