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Dear L Pembroke

Information request

Reference number: FOI2021/00164

Thank you for your email of 3 February 2021, in which you have requested the below following information:

1. *"How many HS2/Network Rail generators are positioned in your sites in and around the Hampstead Road?"*
2. *Can you move generators to a different location and run cables to whatever it is that it supplies?"*
3. *What are they used for and why does it run all night?"*
4. *If it's for health and safety, what is that related to and can I see the risk assessment?"*
5. *Do they all have acoustic screens?"*
6. *Were these fitted by a specialist contractor as poor workmanship or gaps in the screen will let sound out?"*
7. *Why can't there be another UPS eg batteries for whatever it is that requires it?"*
8. *Why can't you use a temporary DNO power supply and have a generator for backup only?"*

I am considering your request under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR)¹. Having consulted with colleagues I am now extending the deadline for responding to this request.

Under regulation 7(1) of the EIR, a public authority can extend the period of 20 working days to 40 working days, if the complexity and volume of the information requested means it is impracticable to make a decision within the earlier period.

In this instance, your request requires consultation with various colleagues across different functions within Network Rail - this includes the local works team, environment team and our communications team. While we have located information relevant to your request, I am currently still in communication with the relevant experts about whether it is appropriate to release this information, I am looking to finalise our positioning on this matter as soon as possible. I will continue working on your request and I will aim to respond to you as early as possible but please be aware that the extended statutory deadline is now 31 March 2021.

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at FOI@networkrail.co.uk. 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

Najea Begum
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. 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 (ICO) can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or you can contact the ICO through the 'Make a Complaint' section of their website on this link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/>

¹Where information requested relates to measures affecting the environment then this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 39 of the FOIA but public authorities are instead required to consider it under the EIR.

The relevant section to select will be "Official or Public Information".