

Our ref: FOI 101176 - 82
Your ref:

Mr McGregor
Via email

Freedom of Information Team
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26 June 2020

Dear Mr McGregor,

NRTS 1 & 2 Freedom of Information requests (FOI 101176, 101177, 101178, 101179, 101180, 101181 & 101182)

We are writing regarding your 7 separate requests for information dated 15 June 2020 regarding NRTS1 & 2.

Highways England has considered your requests and concluded that they are vexatious pursuant of Section 14(1), whereby not only are the requests frequent and overlapping, but the current requests can be characterised scattergun and intending to cause annoyance by disrupting the work of Highways England.

The decision to refuse this request under Section 14(1) has been made in consideration of your past and frequent requests made about the NRTS1 and 2 schemes. Given the approach you have now adopted i.e. to submit multiple separate requests within a short timeframe with the obvious intent to avoid breaching the Section 12 cost limit, and the scattergun nature of your requests; Highways England will be treating any further requests on the NRTS1 & 2, made by yourself, as vexatious under Section 14(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Therefore, please take this response as a refusal of your request under Section 14(1). Please note that Highways England reserves the right under Section 17(6) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to not issue further refusal notices for requests on this subject matter, and those noted above, that are received following the issue of this response.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You should contact our team if you wish to complain.

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact our team. Please remember to quote reference numbers listed at the top of this letter in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team