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Dear Mr Walsh

Thank you for your email to the Highways Agency Information Line. I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 8 January 2014.

It is the Highways Agency's policy to only issue validated "stats19 data"; which are aggregated statistics issued annually by the Department for Transport that have been fully validated through the Police, Local Processing Authorities and Transport Research Laboratory processes.

The following table shows the number of personal injury collisions recorded in Stats19 data in the period 2000-2012 inclusive, where cars were travelling on the northbound carriageway and which occurred within 200m of the merge point at the top of the climbing lanes. All of the collisions resulted in slight injuries being recorded.

Count of Collisions	
Year	Count
2004	2
2005	1
2006	2
2007	2
2008	1
2010	2
2011	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>

All Slight Severity

I confirm that the climbing lanes were constructed in 2005/2006 and opened in June 2006.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the legislation, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. We may therefore be publishing the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context, via our website: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/>

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:  
<http://www.highways.gov.uk/foicomplaints>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Highways Agency Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail [ha\\_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk) . You should contact me 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  
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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