

To: Billy Edmiston

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10th May 2022

Dear Billy Edmiston

Freedom of Information Request ref FOI248

We write in connection with your request for information which was received by Northern Trains on 7th May 2022:

*“Dear Northern Trains Limited,
Following the Arrive off the new timetable change i Like to Request All drivers and conductors
Crew Diagrams For All Depots For Dec 2021 To May 2022”*

Under Section 1 (1)(a) of the FOI act we can confirm that we hold this information, however we are unable to provide you with any current driver diagrams as under the FOI Act we consider this information is subject to a statutory exemption to the right of access to information under section 38(1). In this instance the exemption has been applied as disclosure of the information you have requested would potentially endanger the safety of Northern staff and members of the public.

The information you have requested would provide an individual with the means to ascertain information about driver movements and working patterns and potentially gain unauthorised access to our trains and non-public areas. We consider this to constitute an unacceptable risk to Northern employees (drivers, conductors, and station staff), Northern passengers and public safety.

In applying this exemption, we are required to consider the public interest in the disclosure of this information. We consider that beyond private interests there is no wider public interest in the disclosure of this information and there is no argument in favour of disclosure that would outweigh the potential risks to public safety and to Northern employees.

As confirmed above, we received this request on 7th May 2022. Our timetable changes on May 15th 2022 and we would advise you to resubmit your request after this date when the crew diagrams you have requested will no longer be current should you still require the information

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Yours faithfully

Freedom of Information, Northern Trains Ltd

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Appeal Rights

If you are unhappy with the way your request has been handled and wish to request a review of our decision, please contact us at FOI@northernrail.co.uk

You should specify why you do not agree with our response and what factors you would like to be taken into account as part of the review. This should include any public interest arguments for disclosure. 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
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