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Dear Mr Pleming

Information request
Reference number: FOI2020/00639

Thank you for your email of 2 June 2020, in which you requested the following information:

"Pedestrian Bridge at Gomshall Station, Surrey Please provide the Final Business Case by which you sought authorisation to build this bridge."

I am considering your request under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).¹ Having consulted colleagues in our construction projects and bridge management teams, 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 case, our colleagues have raised concerns about the commercial sensitivity of the document – while we are still investigating those concerns, it is not possible to take a decision about whether to disclose the information you have requested.

¹ Where 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.

I am therefore extending the time period to allow me to provide you with a substantive response and will aim to reply to you by 28 July 2020 at the latest.

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at <u>FOI@networkrail.co.uk</u> or on 01908 782405. 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

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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 can be contacted at:

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