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Dear Denise Wheeler,

FOI-22-4578

Thank you for your information request which was received on 11 March 2022. I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations ('EIR') 2004 ('the Regulations') because the information you have requested concerns work affecting the environment according to the definition in Regulation 2. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act ('FOI') 2000 ('the Act') exempts environmental information from the Act but requires us to consider it under the Regulations.

REQUEST

As per your acceptance of our offer contained in response reference FOI-22-4539, we can provide our response as follows. Please note we address each of your questions in turn for ease of reference.

a) The total area of property permanently required and the number of lots in that area?

50.08 sq. km

6, 393 lots (partial/whole)

b) The total area of property temporarily required and the number of lots in that area?

8.71 sq. km

2,281 lots (partial/whole)

c) The total number and area of lots where the purchase has been fully completed?

4,213 lots (partial/whole)

30.87 sq. km

d) The total number and area of lots where an offer has been made & the purchase is in progress?

19.21 sq. km

2,956 lots (partial/whole)

e) The total number & area of lots which have been taken under schedule 16 for use on a temporary basis?

26.74 sq. km

4,006 lots (partial/whole)

f) The total number and area of lots which have been taken under schedule 16 that under current design will be required on a permanent basis?"

18.15 sq. km

2,361 lots (partial/whole)

Additional Information

Please note, as the HS2 land acquisition programme has progressed, and the design evolved, the totals in respect of the land required have changed and will continue to change. For example, due to the emerging detailed design, the total of land permanently required for Phase One of the new railway has reduced from that initially set out in the High Speed Rail (London - West Midlands) Act 2017.

It is also worth noting that we have taken land under powers of temporary possession, and as scheme design has developed, we have subsequently acquired the land permanently.

Similarly, we have counted the number of whole or partial plots covered by land acquired permanently or taken on a temporary basis. Therefore, there is a degree of double counting in the totals provided above.

Right to Review

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain in writing to HS2 Ltd. Please find below details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure which includes your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI-22-4578** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

J. Palmer

Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Adviser
High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd within 40 working days of the date of this response about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested.

Your complaint will be acknowledged, and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

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
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