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Dear Denise Wheeler,

## FOI-22-4653

Thank you for your information request which was received on 17 May 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

***"Also Mr Thurston we have 12 / 13 sq km still to acquire - is this land where an offer has been made or is this new property not listed in your reply?"***

## RESPONSE

The Phase One Act included circa 70sqkm of land as identified by Mr Thurston in his response to the Public Accounts Committee.

Since Royal Assent there is no longer a need for the depots at Langley and Longsite, reducing the net total area of land to 68.74sqkm.

The 58.8sqkm of land reported (as of 31 May 2022) is the total acquired by agreement or compulsion to date or taken into temporary possession using the land powers in the Act.

The remaining 10sqkm includes:

- Land no longer required
- Subsoil no longer required
- Land yet to be possessed temporarily
- Highway land where works have been undertaken under highway powers rather than land powers

- Land belonging to Network Rail, National Highways, Transport for London, Government Departments, the Crown and others where rights in or over the land will be acquired by agreement following construction.

### **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-22-4653** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

**J. Palmer**

Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Adviser  
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### **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  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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