



## Department for Transport

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Dear Dr Thornton,

### **Freedom of Information Act Request - F0018159**

Further to my letter of 10 February 2020 I am writing to advise you that we need to further extend the time to consider the balance of public interest in relation to your FOI request.

The deadline for responding to your request is therefore being extended by a further 20 working days to 7 April 2020. I apologise for this further delay, and assure you that we will do our best to get a full response to you by this revised deadline.

In my previous letter I explained that to the extent that the information was considered environmental in nature we were extending the deadline due to the complexity and volume of your request. Having considered the information further we now believe that the actual information is non - environmental in nature and therefore falls to be handled under the FOI Act.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's FOI Advice Team at:

Zone D/04  
Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gov.uk

Please send or copy any follow-up correspondence relating to this request to the FOI Advice Team to help ensure that it receives prompt attention. Please also remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Graham', with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

**Graham Buckley**  
**Briefing and Correspondence Manager**

## **Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter 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. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

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  
SK9 5AF

