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Our Ref: EIR: DfI/2017/0405

Date 30 October 2017

Dear Mr Hyland

CARRIAGEWAY MARKINGS – SPRINGFIELD ROAD, BELFAST.

Thank you for your e mail dated 9 October 2017 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act requesting any information held by the office to include:

- copies of the material provided for approval of the above equipment, specifically any plan or specification of road markings to be placed on the visible road surface.

In considering your request on behalf of the Department I have determined that the information requested falls under the aegis of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR). A request for information regarding road conditions falls within the legislative definition of environmental information.

A guide explaining the Environmental Information Regulations can be found at:

<https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/guide-to-the-environmental-information-regulations/what-are-the-eir/>.

The Environmental Information Regulations 2004 established general rights of public access to environmental information held by public authorities. This right mirrors that provided for other types of information by the Freedom of Information Act, from which environmental information is specifically excluded. In common with the Freedom of Information Act, public authorities must be both motive and applicant blind in their handling of requests under EIR. Public authorities are obliged to determine whether it is in the public interest to provide the information and under EIR every request is subject to a Public Interest Test. This means, in effect, that only information which could be legitimately released into the public domain is eligible for release in response to a request for information.

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The Department does not hold the information you have requested.

I trust that you find this helpful. However, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Departmental Information Manager
Clarence Court
10-18, Adelaide Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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.

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Yours sincerely



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