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Dear Mr Clarke,

Freedom of Information Request 9427

I refer to your request for information about the minimum requirements for road signs on a lighted B class road. Your request was received on 5 November and I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("the Act").

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. I can confirm that traffic signs for use by local traffic authorities on the public highway or on roads to which the public have access, are prescribed in the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 and these are available for viewing at –

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2002/3113/contents/made>

The illumination requirements are specified in Schedule 17 of these Regulations, and referenced as Item 5 in the tables associated with each sign diagram. Generally it is not the class of the road which stipulates how a sign must be illuminated but whether there already is street lighting and the type of sign that is being used.

This Department ("the DfT") has issued guidance on the illumination requirements of regulatory traffic signs in paragraphs 2.5 – 2.7 in Chapter 3 of the Traffic Signs Manual which is on the DfT website at –

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/traffic-signs-manual>

If you are unhappy with the way the DfT 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 DfT's Information Rights and Records Unit at:

Zone D/01
Ashdown House
Sedlescombe Road North
Hastings
East Sussex TN37 7GA
E-mail: xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxx.xxx.xxx.xx

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

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Your right to complain to the 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