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Dear Mr Frankson,

Information request

Reference number: FOI2018/00975

Thank you for your email of 23rd July 2018. You requested the following information:

'Can you please supply me with nationwide sectional appendix and rules of the plan from 2009?'

I have processed your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

Rules of the Plan

I confirm that we hold the information that you have requested and we are satisfied that it should be provided through the FOIA process.

Means of communication

According to Section 11 of the FOIA where an applicant expresses a preference as to the form of in which they would like to receive the information a public authority shall so far as *'reasonably practicable give effect to that preference.'*

In this instance, while I know you did not ask to receive the information in a particular form, I think it is reasonable to assume that you were expecting it to be emailed to you. We have hit upon a technical difficulty, namely that the numerous files we hold are so large that we cannot send it via email. Our systems only permit us to send

emails of a maximum of 10MB, the files we hold are around 690MB requiring us to send nearly 70 emails. Not only would this be a significant administrative burden for us but it would also result in you receiving the information in a vast number of emails. Taking all of this into account, the most sensible course of action is for us to send it on CD through the post, please could you provide us with an address for us to send all the old copies of the Train Planning Rules (previously called Rules of the Plan) we hold back to 2009.

The files provided to you contain all versions of the Train Planning Rules which are updated throughout the year. To assist you further I can advise you that in each Timetable Planning Rules document, a change in content is indicated by the following convention:

New or amended text is red
Deleted text is green and striked through

A current version of the Train Planning Rules is available on our website at the following link:

[Train Planning Rules](#)¹

Sectional Appendix

I can confirm that we hold the information you have requested. However, under section 21 of the FOIA, we are not required to provide information in response to a request if it is reasonably accessible to you by other means. I can confirm the National Electronic Sectional Appendix (NESA) is published on our website. Please see link below. Once you have clicked on the attached link, please scroll down that page and click on 'view Sectional Appendix PDF copies', you will then be able to view the information you require.

[Sectional Appendix](#)²

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at FOI@networkrail.co.uk or on 01908 782405. Details of your appeal rights are below.

Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in all future communications.

¹<http://archive.nr.co.uk/browse%20documents/Rules%20Of%20The%20Route/Viewable%20copy/roprhome.pdf>

² <http://archive.nr.co.uk/browseDirectory.aspx?root=&dir=%5csectional%20appendix>

Yours sincerely

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