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Dear Florian,

**Reference number: FOI2023/01098**

Thank you for your email of 27 August 2023, in which you requested the signalling diagrams between Ramsgate and Faversham.

I have processed your request under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).<sup>1</sup>

Having consulted colleagues in our signalling team, I am now extending the deadline for responding to this request. Under regulation 7(1) of the EIR, a public authority can extend the period of 20 working days to 40 working days, if the complexity and volume of the information requested means it is impracticable to make a decision within the earlier period.

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<sup>1</sup> The EIR, like the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), allows people to access information held by public authorities like Network Rail. When people ask for environmental information, we need to consider the request under the EIR rather than the FOIA. In this case, I am of the view that signalling diagrams which contain information on our infrastructure (which forms part of the landscape) meets the definition of environmental information at regulation 2(1)(a) of the EIR because it is information on the land and landscape.

In this case, we are involved in ongoing discussions with a variety of subject matter experts about the extent to which information needs to be redacted from the diagrams. We need more time to carry out these discussions and as such I am extending the period for replying to allow me to provide you with a full response.

I will aim to reply to you by 23 October 2023 at the latest, but hopefully sooner than this.

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at [xxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx](mailto:xxx@xxxxxxxxxx.xx.xx). Details of your appeal rights are below.

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Yours sincerely

**Danielle Stratton**  
**Information Rights Specialist**

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