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Sarah Jones
By Email only

Date: 21st February 2017

Dear Ms Jones

Environmental Information Regulations 2004
Request relating to: Streetworks undertaken by South East Water

1. Background:

Thank you for your request, made pursuant to the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 ("the Regulations"), dated the 23rd January 2017 and received the same date by email, where you requested the following information:

"Can you please provide a list of all streetworks (carried out by South East Water) that started in 2016, which lasted in excess of two months, along with the dates of the works?"

This letter will provide the response to your request.

2. South East Water's Response

In accordance with the Regulations, South East Water has a duty to people requesting information to make 'Environmental Information' available, unless one of the exemptions apply. I would remind you that we only have a duty to make the information available and not to interpret any of the information.

For ease of reference I set out the definition of Environmental Information in the Regulations:

"Environmental information" means any information in written, visual, aural, electronic or any other material form on—

- (a) the state of the elements of the environment, such as air and atmosphere, water, soil, land, landscape and natural sites including wetlands, coastal and marine areas, biological diversity and its components, including genetically modified organisms, and the interaction among these elements;*
- (b) factors, such as substances, energy, noise, radiation or waste, including radioactive waste, emissions, discharges and other releases into the environment, affecting or likely to affect the elements of the environment referred to in (a);*
- (c) measures (including administrative measures), such as policies, legislation, plans, programmes, environmental agreements, and activities affecting or likely to affect the elements and factors referred to in (a) and (b) as well as measures or activities designed to protect those elements;*
- (d) reports on the implementation of environmental legislation;*

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(e) cost-benefit and other economic analyses and assumptions used within the framework of the measures and activities referred to in (c); and

(f) the state of human health and safety, including the contamination of the food chain, where relevant, conditions of human life, cultural sites and built structures inasmuch as they are or may be affected by the state of the elements of the environment referred to in (a) or, through those elements, by any of the matters referred to in (b) and (c).

I have looked at your question and considered (i) whether the information requested is Environmental Information as defined above; and (ii) if it is, whether any exemption applies or whether it can be disclosed.

South East Water ("SEW") as a statutory water undertaker has powers to install, inspect, maintain, repair and replace its apparatus (notably water pipes) in streets and in land other than streets, under sections 158 and 159 of the Water Industry Act 1991 respectively. Where such powers apply in streets, SEW must also comply with the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991 ("NRSWA") when carrying out (or directing its contractors to carry out) these works. In such instances these works are referred to as streetworks.

We consider streetworks to come within part (b) of the definition above as it is a factor that could have an impact on the environment. It involves digging up a road and installing or replacing or maintaining water pipes.

We also do not consider that any exemption would apply.

We therefore set out all of the streetworks that South East Water have completed in excess of 2 months in duration within 2016 both in public highways and in private streets:

Public Highways:

Works Ref	Address	Works Description	Start Date	End Date
EB007-14126754	In parking bays opposite Bus Shelter, DARTFORD ROAD, SEVENOAKS, KENT	Remaining excavation for final test and connection on major water mains laying scheme	27-Aug-16	20-Dec-16
EB007-13716712	Approx. 150 meters down from the Peacocks Nursery, FARNHAM ROAD, FARNHAM, HAMPSHIRE	Notice for lane closure, to allow SEW to access compound	30-Aug-16	20-Dec-16
EB007-14098431	Entrance to Greenfield Close and in raised footpath, GREENFIELD CLOSE, ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT	Replace 90 metres of drinking water main in raised footpath outside 1 to 11 and renew service connections. Cut out and cap existing main across entrance to Greenfield Close	30-Aug-16	24-Oct-16

EB007-13604619/1	From the junction of Church Road to INNER LONDON ROAD, ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS, KENT	To relay approximately 150 meters of new drinking water main	30-Aug-16	21-Oct-16
EB007-13562677	From junction with Mill Lane to junction with Miller Avenue, PRIORESS ROAD, CANTERBURY, KENT	Lay approximately 195 metres of new drinking water main and connect to existing main - Works in conjunction with EB007-13562679 and EB007-13562676	18-Aug-16	07-Oct-16
EB007-13562679	From Mill Lane to junction with Miller Avenue, MILL LANE, HARBLEDOWN, KENT	Lay approximately 195 metres of new drinking water main and connect to existing main - Works in conjunction with EB007-13562677 and EB007-13562676	18-Aug-16	07-Oct-16
EB007-13562676	From junction with Prioress Road to MILLER AVENUE, CANTERBURY, KENT	Lay approximately 195 metres of new drinking water main and connect to existing main	18-Aug-16	07-Oct-16
EB007-13484990	Entrance to site just after A2 road bridge - Opposite Poundfall Wood, CANTERBURY ROAD, DUNKIRK, KENT	Notice for signage only - Site entrance for major water mains laying scheme	03-May-16	10-Oct-16
EB007-13473315	outside Churt Wynde Reservoir, TILFORD ROAD, HINDHEAD, SURREY	LARGE DRINKING WATER MAIN CONNECTION AND ROAD CROSSING INTO RESERVOIR	22-Aug-16	07-Oct-16
EB007-12848422	SURREY 20 meters before underpass entrance, THE MOORS, TONGHAM,	TO LAY 16 METERS OF LARGE DIAMETER DRINKING WATER MAIN ACROSS FOOTWAY	10-Feb-16	12-Sep-16
EB007-13411359	About 200 meters from the junction of Totale Rise, HARVEST RIDE, BRACKNELL FOREST	To relay 50 meters of drinking water main. This permit also covers the light head for works on the Framton Bridge roundabout	09-May-16	22-Jul-16
EB007-12848749	between South East Water depot and lower Farnham Road junction, BOXALLS LANE,	TO LAY 480 METERS OF LARGE DIAMETER DRINKING WATER MAIN	08-Feb-16	21-Jul-16

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EB007- 12949661	between the junction of Queens Road and Dunoon, LONGMOOR ROAD, LIPHOOK, HAMPSHIRE	TO RELAY 720 METERS OF OLD DRINKING WATER MAIN AND RELATED SERVICES	20-Jul- 15	24-Jun- 16
EB007- 12848577	The Street to Blenheim close, LAMBOURNE WAY, TONGHAM, SURREY	TO LAY 120 METERS OF LARGE DIAMETER DRINKING WATER MAIN	22-Mar- 16	26-May- 16
EB007- 12848579	between Oxenden Road and Lambourne way, THE STREET, TONGHAM, SURREY	TO LAY 40 METERS OF LARGE DIAMETER DRINKING WATER MAIN	11-Feb- 16	15-Apr- 16
EB007- 7450630	Between Copyhold Lane junction and Upper Rylands Bridge, BORDE HILL LANE, HAYWARDS HEATH, WEST SUSSEX	LAY APPROXIMATELY 1338 METRES OF NEW DRINKING WATER MAIN, ASSOCIATED SERVICES AND CONNECT TO EXISTING MAIN	11-Jan- 16	15-Apr- 16
EB007- 10623980/1	between Hanwicks View and White Lane junction, ASH GREEN LANE WEST, ASH, SURREY	TO RELAY 250 METERS OF OLD DRINKING WATER MAIN	10-Dec- 15	08-Apr- 16
EB007- 12848569	Between Spoil lane and The Street, MANOR ROAD, FARNHAM, SURREY	TO LAY 60 METERS OF LARGE DIAMETER DRINKING WATER MAIN	20-Jan- 16	31-Mar- 16
EB007- 13161471/2	from crowborough hill junction to the junction of rochester way, MEDWAY, CROWBOROUGH, EAST SUSSEX	to install 260m of 180mm and connections	13-Jan- 16	24-Mar- 16
EB007- 7066560	REAR OF KNIGHTSWOOD, NINE MILE RIDE, BRACKNELL FOREST	Barriers to be left up at both sides of Nine mile ride at site of completed works	17-Jul- 15	18-Mar- 16
EB007- 12848745	between Boxalls lane junction and Toghams Road junction, LOWER FARNHAM ROAD,	TO LAY 900 METERS OF LARGE DIAMETER DRINKING WATER MAIN	25-Jul- 15	29-Feb- 16

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Streetworks in private streets:

Works Ref	Address	Works Description	Start Date	End Date
75538, 05-0101	Butlers Green Haywards Heath Phase 2 located in private fields of Horsegate Lane	Mains reinforcement scheme (developer driven) to lay 700m of 355mmPE & 125m of 250mm PE watercourse crossing	09-Jun16	10-Oct 16
75702, 05-1009	Nye Road Burgess Hill located off Junction Road	Mains reinforcement scheme (developer driven) to lay 260m of 125mm PE in private road	15-Aug-16	12-Oct 16

3. Charging


We are entitled to charge a rate of £25.00 per hour in accordance with our current interim charging scheme for requests for information however we have not elected to charge for this request.

4. Further queries

I trust that the information asked for is clear. Should you have any questions please contact me by email at caroline.gould@southeastwater.co.uk. 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 6 months of the date of receipt of this response and should be addressed to the Head of Legal, Nicolas Truillet at Eir.Requests@southeastwater.co.uk.

If you are dissatisfied with the outcome of the internal review you can apply without charge, to the Information Commissioner, who will consider whether we have complied with our obligations under the Regulations and can require us to remedy any problems. You can find out more about this and about the Regulations in general on the Information Commissioner's website www.ico.org.uk. Complaints to the Information Commissioner can be made via the "report a concern" section of the Information Commissioner's website.

Yours sincerely



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