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Via e-mail:

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Dear Mr Brown,

### **Freedom of Information Act Request - F0016729**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 20 November 2018.

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information about ownership of the foreshore at Cromer.

In my letter of 17 December I explained that the Department was reviewing what information was held. Further to that review I am writing to advise you that following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by this Department.

Our response to your specific queries are as follows:

***Question 1. Please list and provide details of any and all legal events that may have resulted in transfer of ownership of the aforementioned foreshore from or to Department for Transport?***

Following a review of our records I have established that the Department does not hold any relevant information.

***Question 2. Does Department for Transport hold any record concerning possible leasing, transfer of rights or suchlike concerning aforementioned foreshore?***

See response above.

***Question 3. If there are no records, can it be assumed that the aforementioned foreshore was not owned by Department for Transport?***

We are not able to answer and suggest you take legal advice

After careful consideration, we judge that widening the search would be unlikely to be more successful and would in any case incur further costs, in excess of the appropriate limit of £600. Section 12(1) of the Act removes the obligation upon a public authority to do so where they estimate the costs would exceed the appropriate limit.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department 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 Department's FOI Advice Team at:

Zone D/04  
Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk

Please send or copy any follow-up correspondence relating to this request to the FOI Advice Team to help ensure that it receives prompt attention. Please also remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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

Yours sincerely,

Khasru Ali

### **Your right to complain to 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  
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