Dear Mr [Redacted]

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

Thank you for your request for information about Highways England’s road network and maintenance spend dated received on the 22nd of February 2016. I have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I can confirm that we do hold the information. Under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information, which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available via our annual report which is published on Highways England Website here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/highways-agency-annual-report-and-accounts-2014-to-2015

However, for ease of reference we have answered your questions as below.

1. How many miles of road, in total, are maintained by the authority? The Strategic Road Network consists of over 7,000 kms (4,350 miles) (Page 4: 2014-15 annual accounts)

2. How much has been spent on road maintenance over the last 2 years, 2013/2014 – 2014/2015? Spend on road maintenance including renewals can be found on pages 76 and 77 of the 2014-15 annual accounts (2013-14 £792m; 2014-15 £980m).

3. How much of the total budget is allocated to road maintenance per annum? In 2014-15 35% (£980m) of total operational budget (£2.8bn) was allocated to maintenance and renewals of the strategic road network.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 734931 in any future communications.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at:
If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

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:

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Water Lane
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Yours sincerely

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