

Our ref: CRS 763,945
Your ref:

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Dear

Freedom of Information Request Re-designation of A12 as A47

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 28 June and in which you asked for:

a) the total cost of the renaming exercise

The total cost of the re-designation of the A12 between Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft was £746,345.50

b) a high level breakdown of the costs

Scheme design	£ 64,764.11
Supervision	£ 41,071.39
Work costs	£637,510.00

c) the cost of manufacturing and installing all the signs that were installed, modified and/or replaced in order to put this change into effect. This should include the signs which state "A47 previously A12".

£ 637,510.00. This figure also includes traffic management and labour costs required as part of the installation process.

The re-designation of the A12 as the A47 was included in the December 2014 "Road Investment Strategy (RIS): Investment Plan" as part of the improvements to the A47/A12 corridor. The scheme was heavily promoted by local Members of Parliament, Norfolk and Suffolk County Councils, the A47 Alliance and local chambers of commerce.

As the A12 south of Lowestoft to the A14 does not form part of the strategic road network, the view was that by re-designating the A12 between Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft as the A47, it would give the route greater prominence and stimulate much needed growth in Great Yarmouth and Lowestoft and better reflect the A47's nature as a continuous corridor.

This was accepted and a commitment by Government was included in the RIS in support of its growth agenda.

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:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or email 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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 763,945 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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