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Dear

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004**  
**A14 Orwell Bridge closures due to high winds**

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 30 October.

You asked for:

- 1. A list of closures for the Orwell Bridge in Ipswich each year for the last 10 years as a result of high winds.**
- 2. The date of each closure listed in part 1.**
- 3. The length of time the bridge was closed for in each instance of question 1 (eg four hours).**
- 4. The recorded wind speeds for each closure listed in part 1.**

We only hold information about closures from October 2013. Requested information relating to these closures is presented in the table below:

Date	Duration (minutes)	Wind speed max (mph)
27 October 2013	541	74
23 December 2013	388	66
26 December 2013	541	61
14 February 2014	681	65
27 March 2016	381	67
22/23 November 2016	N/A*	50
23 February 2017	628	70
22/23 November 2017	435	60
2/3 January 2018	988	66
18 January 2018	N/A*	72
23 January 2018	261	49
29 April 2018	470	52

\*Information not held.

**5. A copy of the updated Orwell Bridge high wind closure protocol set to be published in 2018/19.**

Please find a copy attached at Annex A. The protocol has already been published. It can be found on our website at <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/orwell-bridge/>

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](mailto: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  
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 766,983 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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