

Our ref: CRS 767,478

Highways England
Second Flor
Woodlands
Manton Lane
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Via email:

Direct Line :

22 November 2018

Dear

Environmental Information Request M1 Junction 12 Fly Tipping

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 19 November.

We have dealt with it under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004. This is because the information requested concerns measures and activities affecting or likely to affect elements of the environment or affect factors such as noise, pollution discharges and other releases into the environment.

I have extracted your requests and respond as follows:

1. *How much did it cost Highways England to remove the fly tipping under the M1 (J12) in June 2018?*

The total cost was £68,056.44 including VAT.

2. *How fast was it cleared after it being reported to you?*

We could not start clearing the fly tipped material until the group occupying the land were evicted on 4 June. Following the eviction, removal of the fly tipped material took place between 9 and 25 June.

3. *As there's been a rise in fly tipping over the course of the last few years, is there any way that Highways England hopes to prevent it in the future?*

Under the Environmental Information Regulations, we are not required to offer an opinion or create new information to respond to a request. However, Regulation 9 of the Environmental Information Regulations places a duty on us to provide advice and assistance to an applicant regarding requests for environmental information.

In general, we may be able to take preventative measures by planting vegetation, installing lockable gates, concrete blocks or earth bunds. However, preventative measures may be limited by the size and location of the affected site.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 767,478 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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