

Our ref: FOI 100495

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Dear

Thank you for your request for information about diversions through the B430 dated 5 November 2019. I am dealing with it under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In answer to your question “*how many times, in the last 10 years, that the traffic either:*

- 1. travelling north on the A34 expecting to reach the M40 or*
- 2. on the A43 travelling south to reach the A34 southbound via the M40*

has been formally redirected via a diversion along the B430 as a result of an accident or other similar unplanned event from either junction 10 or junction 9 of the M40 motorway.

To be clear this is a formal diversion for all traffic along the B430 through the villages of Ardley, Middleton Stoney and Weston on the Green.”

The B430 is not a diversion route that would be used by Highways England in the event of an accident or unplanned event.

If you are happy, we could provide the data that shows the number of instances where a full closure has been recorded around junction 9 of the M40 and an emergency diversion route deployed.

Highways England do not retain information to the detail of the use of the diversion route in the event of emergencies.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review within 2 months of the date of this response for Freedom of Information requests and within 40 days for Environmental Information Regulations requests.

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 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:

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 FOI 100495 any future communications.

Yours sincerely