

Our ref: CRS 758,079
Your ref:

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Direct Line:

1 February 2018

Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST A120 GREAT DUNMOW TO TAKELEY

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 4 January 2018. You clarified your requirements in your emails of 5 January as follows:

- 1. Recorded, registered and/or known vehicle accident/incidents occurring on A120 (Essex), westbound between Great Dunmow junction and Takeley (B1256) junction for the period 4 January 2016 to 4 January 2018.*

We do hold some of the information requested. As advised in our acknowledgement email of 5 January, under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act, we are not obliged to provide information that is already reasonably accessible to you. Information about injury collisions up to 31 December 2016 is readily available at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/road-accidents-and-safety-statistics> or at www.crashmap.co.uk.

2017 data has not been validated by the Department for Transport and it is not our policy to release unvalidated data. The Department for Transport will release the data, once validated, this summer at which time it will be published online. We have therefore applied the exemption in Section 22 of the Freedom of Information Act "Information intended for future publication". This exemption is a qualified exemption and subject to the application of a Public Interest Test. A copy of this is attached at Annex A. We do not hold any information for the period 1 – 4 January 2018.

- 2. Letters, emails or reports referencing the surface condition of this section of road. You clarified this aspect of your request limiting it to the following between 4 January 2016 to 4 January 2018:*

- Internal/inter-departmental*

- *Correspondence from the public to Highways England*
- *Police to Highways England*

A copy of the information is attached as follows:

Annex B – Relevant extract from correspondence log

Annex C Parts A, B and C – Safety Inspections: Part A is where we have extracted records from our database made by our service provider but it excludes records for April, May and June 2017 when our new service provider, Kier Highways Ltd, were unable to upload records. Part B is copies of Kier's paper based records for April 2017 and Part C are copies of Kier's manual records for May to January 2018.

Please note that BH01 is the code for the inspection route between M11 junction 8 and A120 Marks Tey.

We have not received any reports from Essex Police about the road surface condition.

Annex D – Extract from our asset manager's route drive log made on 14 June 2017. In it, the reference to year 6 is 2020/21 and year 7 is 2021/22.

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 758,079 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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