

Our ref: CRS 758549

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Dear

Diversion of traffic through Winchester

We have now completed our search for the information you requested in your letter of 12 January 2018. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I will answer your request for information as follows:

- **Who is responsible for taking decisions to divert trunk road and motorway traffic through Winchester?**

Highways England are responsible for agreeing necessary diversions for trunk road and motorway traffic.

An engineer agrees the route with the relevant local authority. It is normally based on a pre-agreed strategic diversion route.

- **What are the criteria for making the decision that the convenience of motorists and freight operators outweighs the health and other concerns of urban residents subjected to the diversion?**

Our normal procedure when carrying out any type of roadworks is to notify the relevant local authority of our intentions, as we have to first seek their agreement with regard to proposed diversion routes on their roads.

The route needs to be suitable for HGVs plus other motorway/trunk road traffic which precludes rural roads.

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 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
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 758549 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely