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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Where in London the annual mean concentration of benzo[a]pyrene exceeded, exceeds or is projected to exceed the national objective.

Thank you for your request for information about where in London the annual mean concentration for benzo[a]pyrene exceeded, currently exceeds or is projected to exceed the national objective of 0.25ng/m³ as an annual mean in the national air quality strategy which we received on 3rd February 2014. We have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

The EIRs apply to requests for environmental information, which is a broad category of information defined in regulation 2 of the EIRs. Public authorities are required to handle requests for environmental information under the EIRs. They give similar access rights to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I attach an excel spreadsheet with the locations within Greater London that exceeded the national objective for B[a]P from 2008 to 2012 together with the associated concentrations.

I also present the data as area exceedance data in the following table:

	Area exceeding (km ²)								
	Base year modelling					Projections (from 2010)			
Year	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2015	2020	2025	2030
London	756	714	324	65	6	273	274	277	282



The most recent projections for years 2015, 2020, 2025 and 2030 were most recently conducted in 2010 and therefore do not reflect the reductions seen in the subsequent base years of 2011 and 2012 and are therefore more similar to 2010. The projections are fairly flat and therefore if they were re-calculated from 2012 they would more closely reflect 2012 values and locations than 2010.

You can view historic years (2008-2012) mapped for the UK on a 1km grid square at the following location and associated concentrations in each grid square can be found by using the select tool and clicking on the square in question:

<http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/data/gis-mapping>

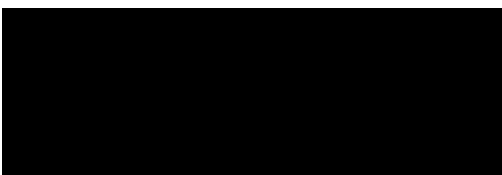
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I attach Annex A, which explains the copyright that applies to the information being released to you.

I also attach Annex B giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

Yours



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Annex A

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Annex B

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