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Dear [REDACTED]

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 16 September 2015 requesting information regarding requests by contractors to take legal action.

Contractors working for Highways England (formerly the Highways Agency) do not need to seek permission from the Secretary of State to mount legal action. As separate legal entities, they are free to conduct their legal affairs as they see fit. Therefore, Highways England does not hold any records of such requests.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the legislation, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. We may therefore be publishing the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context, via the [Gov.uk website](http://www.gov.uk).

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](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk). I would be grateful if you would contact me if you wish to have an internal review.

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  
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Should you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please quote our reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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