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Dear

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004 A1 REALIGNMENT IN CENTRAL BEDFORDSHIRE

Thank you for your request for information regarding realignment of the A1 in Central Bedfordshire dated 1 August. I am dealing with it under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

This is because the information requested concerns measures and activities affecting or likely to affect elements of the environment or affect factors such as noise, pollution discharges and other releases into the environment.

I believe there may have been some misunderstanding in the information relayed at the recent Moggerhanger Parish Council meeting. We have no current plans to realign the A1 in Central Bedfordshire.

We have, however, carried out a study - A1 East of England Strategic Study - to provide an initial appraisal of potential improvements to the A1, between M25 junction 1 and Peterborough, junction 17. The study can be found online at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/a1-east-of-england-strategic-study-stage-3-report>.

Further analysis is being conducted to fully understand the potential benefits of the proposals identified in the study, taking account of Local Plans and the National Infrastructure Commission's work on the Oxford to Cambridge arc. We expect this work to be complete by the end of 2017.

We do not therefore hold any communications over the last five years been ourselves and Central Bedfordshire Council regarding this matter.

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:

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 754,082 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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