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Dear

**A11 JUNCTION WITH NEWMARKET ROAD/GOLF LINKS ROAD
PERSONAL INJURY ACCIDENTS**

Thank you for your email of 13 June requesting details of personal injury accidents that we have recorded at the A11 junction with Newmarket Road. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information.

The table below shows personal injury accidents at the above junction from 2008-2012 as recorded in the STATS19 database.

Year	Number	Severity
2008	1	Slight
2009	3	Slight
2010	1	Slight
2011	0	-
2012	1	Serious

To explain, this is statistical accident data derived from the Department for Transport (DfT) national validated accident statistics and is a collection of all road traffic accidents that resulted in a personal injury and were reported to the police within 30 days of the accident.

The data is collected by the police at the roadside or when the accident is reported to them by a member of the public in a police station. The variables and fields collected are defined by DfT and these have been agreed by the Standing Committee for Road Accident Statistics (SCRAS) and Association of Chief Police Officers ACPO).

At present we only hold validated data up to the end of 2012. We will not receive validated data for 2013 until the end of July.

Attached is a map showing the locations of these collisions which indicate there have been four personal injury accidents recorded in the vicinity of the A11 junction with Newmarket Road and a further two were located nearer the Herringswell Road junction.

In Priti Lakhani's email to you of 9 June, we agreed to carry out observations at the junction. Our service provider, Amey's, recent site observations indicated that in the main, drivers used the junction and crossed appropriately. However, it was noted that some drivers crossing the A11 from the Newmarket Road or the central reservation appeared to cross with a limited gap to mainline traffic. Traffic on the main A11 was observed to be busy but there were sufficient suitable gaps for traffic to cross from Newmarket Road safely. Observations also indicated that visibility from the Newmarket Road junction was good as was the crossing from the central reserve gap. The vehicle activated signing was observed to be working as expected.

We will continue to monitor the location as part of our usual safety reporting. The junction has a small number of personal injury accidents associated with it but it is noticeable that the numbers of personal injury accidents have reduced since the vehicle activated signs were installed.

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 our website: <http://www.highways.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: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/foicomplaints>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Highways Agency Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.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
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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