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Dear

ENVIRONMENTAL INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004

I refer to your email of 8th June 2010 where you have asked for various comments and questions relating to emissions and the Puddletown data supplied by *****.

Following a review, it was agreed that parts of your request will be dealt with by this office under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Copied below is the list of questions you asked of VOSA in your email of 8th June 2010. The questions highlighted in red are the ones which have been identified by this office to be dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations Act. The response for each is copied below.

I believe that you have already received a response from VOSA's Corporate Office regarding the remaining questions.

Emissions

- is it possible for the Parish Council to ask for specific registration numbers to be input to your Target List. – Answered by Corporate Office.
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- what additional checks will VOSA make, and can additional random checks be carried out at the Bridport link road lay-by. – Answered by Corporate Office.
- whether any checks at Puddletown measure emissions.

All vehicles stopped at the Puddletown check site are subject to a visual emissions check. This may also result in a metered emissions check if in the

opinion of the enforcement officer the vehicle warrants a further check. Of these checks at the Puddletown site I can confirm that a total of 8 exhaust defects were found on HGV's & PSV's and 6 exhaust defects on LGV's covering the fiscal period from 2003/04 to 2009/10.

Further information detailing HGV, PSV and LGV Exhaust Emission defects can be found on VOSA's "Categorisation of Defects" document. This document is published online and can be accessed on the link copied below.

http://www.dft.gov.uk/vosa/repository/Cat%20of%20Defects%20April%2008_rev_200608-cjd.pdf

Exhaust Emission checks regarding Public Service Vehicle's (PSV's), Heavy Goods (HGV's) and Agricultural vehicles can be found in Part 1, page 4.

Exhaust Emission checks regarding Light Goods Vehicle's are found in Part 2, page 2.

Puddletown data (as supplied by **).***

The Parish Council asks for the following breakdown the data for Puddletown;;

1. Separate eastbound and westbound numbers

VOSA is unable to split the data into eastbound and westbound figures as this data is not collected at vehicle encounters.

2. Split between immediate and delayed prohibitions

Please see the spreadsheet attached to the covering email detailing the number of vehicle encounters and (immediate and delayed) prohibitions recorded in the Puddletown weighbridge site from the fiscal year 2003/04 to 2009/10.

Please note however that in this spreadsheet the number of HGV Motor Vehicle encounters for 2006/07 shows a small increase from the figures supplied to you by ***** This discrepancy is due to the previous figures excluding four encounters where the check site name was recorded as "Mobile" yet the check site town was recorded as "Puddletown".

3. The total HGV checks across road worthiness, drivers hours and loading.

This information has already been provided to you in the accompanying spreadsheet and the data supplied by *****.

- The total amount of Road Worthiness checks are detailed in the attached spreadsheet under the heading "Mechanical Checks".
- The total amount of drivers hours checks are detailed in the '***** data' in the tab labeled "Traffic Checks" under the heading "Traffic Checks" (all Traffic Checks include a check on drivers hours).
- The total amount of loading/weighing checks are also detailed in the '***** data' in the tab labeled "Traffic Checks" under the heading "Vehicle's Weighed".

4. Are graphs available for this data?

VOSA does not hold this information in graphical format. Furthermore, VOSA does not believe that it is obliged to provide you with this information under Section 6 (1)(a) of the EIR as the data has already been provided to you in a format which can be readily formulated into graphical layout.

Section 6 (1)(a) – Form and format of information, of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 states that;

Form and format of information

6. - (1) Where an applicant requests that the information be made available in a particular form or format, a public authority shall make it so available, unless -

(a) it is reasonable for it to make the information available in another form or format;

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact us, quoting reference **E0002655**.

If you are unhappy with the response provided, you may ask for an internal review. To request an internal review, please write to:

VOSA Corporate Office,
Berkeley House,
Croydon Street,
Bristol,
BS5 0DA

or email vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk

giving the reasons for your dissatisfaction. It will help us if you quote the reference number for your case.

If you do not agree with the outcome of the internal review, you may lodge an appeal with the Information Commissioner (www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk). The Information Commissioner is an independent official appointed by the Crown to oversee the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The Information Commissioner can consider complaints about any aspect of the way in which requests for information have been handled. Please note: the Information Commissioner would be unlikely to consider your complaint if you have not first requested an internal review.

You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House,
Water Lane,
Wilmslow,
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely