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Via email.

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Dear [REDACTED]

REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: Grants Paid to Developers of Canal Marinas between 2005 and 2013 in Cheshire and the surrounding area.

Thank you for your request for information about grants paid to developers of canal marinas between 2005 and 2013 in Cheshire and the surrounding area, which we received on 10 March 2014. As you know, we have handled your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that two of the marinas listed in your request for information were funded by DEFRA: one through the England Rural Development Programme (ERDP) 2000 – 2006; and one through the current Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE). Please see the below summary of the information you requested:

Swanley Bridge Marina

- Grant type – Rural Enterprise Scheme (RES) grant, part of the England Rural Development Programme 2000 - 2006
- Funder / funding administrator – Defra/Rural Development Service
- Governments funds or other? – 50% of the grant funding was provided from European funds the remaining 50% was provided by the Treasury
- Recipient – Swanley Hall
- Amount paid/received - £397,843.88
- Date approved/awarded – 27.09.05
- Date the works were completed – 30.11.06
- Percentage that the grant was paid against the development cost - 28%, the remaining 72% was provided though match funding from private sources

Overwater Marina

- Grant type – Rural Development Programme for England
- Funder / funding administrator – Defra/North West Development Agency
- Governments funds or other? – European funds
- Recipient – Overwater Marina



- Amount paid/received - £400,000
- Date approved/awarded – 12.08.2009
- Date the works were completed – 26.04.2010
- Percentage that the grant was paid against the development cost – 15.79% the remaining 84.21% was provided through match funding from private sources.

The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs is responsible for over 4,000 km of the inland waterway network of England and Wales. The British Waterways Board was the public corporation, sponsored by Defra, that cared for the canal network. It was succeeded in 2012 by The Canal & River Trust (CRT) an independent charitable trust.

Marinas are operational matters where the CRT, rather than Defra, has responsibility for responding to correspondence. CRT are covered by the FOIA in respect of those subjects to which British Waterways was subject. Funding of marinas may fall into this category and you may therefore wish to contact CRT directly about your request.

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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 sincerely

[Redacted signature]

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Annex A

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, section 50 of the FOIA and regulation 18 of the EIRs gives you the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Please note that generally the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have first exhausted Defra's own complaints procedure. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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