

Fol S.36(3) and EIR exception 12 (6) Public Interest Test to determine whether it should be confirmed or neither confirmed or denied whether information is held

Factors for confirmation or denying if information held	Factors for neither confirming nor denying information is held
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a public interest in DSA being open and transparent in what information is held 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If we confirmed or denied information was held in relation to a particular road, it would be confirmation as to whether or not the particular road was included as part of a test route so would be tantamount to disclosing the requested information • In so far as confirming or denying is tantamount to disclosing the requested information the factors for withholding the information are also factors for neither confirming nor denying that the information is held
<p>Reasons why public interest favours withholding information</p>	
<p>It would not be in the public interest to either confirm or deny whether information is held as to whether specific roads are included in current practical test routes. Disclosure of this information would be negate the benefits of not publishing test routes and the introduction of independent driving, undermine current Government policy and be detrimental to the successful delivery of road safety initiatives.</p>	