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Via email

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000
A120 Galleys Roundabout, Braintree, Essex

Thank you for your email of 3 November requesting information about work completed earlier this year at the A120 Galleys Roundabout, Braintree. I have dealt with your request 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 and I respond as follows:

The amount of money that has been spent during the works carried out at the roundabout earlier this year:

Expenditure is as follows:

A120 Galleys Roundabout Pinch Point Scheme

Total spend from January 2013 to October 2014 = £283,491.15

Design = 55,623.14
Works = 227,868.01

A120 Galleys Roundabout Lighting Renewal

Total spend from January 2014 to October 2014 = £447,391.39

Design = 3,693.84
Works = 443,967.55

Does the Council/Highways Authority intend to spend any further funds on the roundabout and approaches?

Additional funding will be spent on issues raised following completion of our post construction road safety audit. The audit recommended the installation of additional lane destination signing in advance of the roundabout. This work has yet to be programmed and the associated costs are currently unknown.

Has the Council/Highways Authority witnessed any improvement in traffic flow since the works were carried out?

We have yet to complete a Post Opening Project Evaluation (POPE). A year after completion of a scheme we carry out an evaluation to see whether it has had the benefits and impact predicted. POPE identifies whether the anticipated benefits of a scheme have been realised and the objectives met. More information about POPE can be found on our website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-agency/about/research#post-opening-project-evaluation-pope>

Has the level of accidents/incidents decreased or increased post the works against a similar time period in 2013?

Further post construction road safety audits are prepared once 12 months and then 36 months of accident data from the time a scheme becomes operational is available. This helps us identify whether there are any new safety issues, a change in accident trends or types of accident. The first report is not due until spring 2015 but it is likely to be the summer before full accident data for 12 month period is available for analysis.

If you would like to view accident data there is an accessible interactive map on the Department for Transport website that allows users to see the number and severity of personal injury collisions across the road network. This can be found at: <http://road-collisions.dft.gov.uk/>.

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:

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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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