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Via Email

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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST M11 JUNCTION 7

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information as per your email of 8 December when you agreed to reduce the scope of your request. You are now content to receive copies of all minutes held between ourselves, Essex County Council and Harlow Council from 1 January 2014, which detail the current status of proposals for the M11 junction 7. We have included minutes of minutes held with Jacobs, who represent Essex County Council.

As the Department for Transport do not hold any information for the specified time period they have reverted to us for reply.

Copies of relevant meeting minutes are attached and include some discussion about Essex County Council's proposals for junction 7a. Please note that personal information has been redacted in reliance of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

You also asked for details of the M11 Junction 7 proposal which will be funded as part of the Roads Investment Strategy (RIS) and as announced by Government on 1 December. The RIS includes a scheme to create extra capacity at junction 7 near Harlow through significant upgrades and increased technology investment. We currently expect design will commence in early 2015. We have no further details at this stage.

Currently there is no proposal in the Government's Roads Investment Strategy for a new junction on the M11. Essex County Council is promoting the concept of a new junction 7a to address future traffic demands in the Harlow area.

Essex County Council is currently undertaking traffic modelling to demonstrate how proposals may impact on traffic and demonstrate the case for this investment. Earlier this year, the council undertook a public consultation and it is understood that they plan to go out to further consultation in early 2015. We are working with Essex County Council to help them to develop their proposals. For more information about these proposals please visit Essex County Council's website at <http://www.essexhighways.org/transport-and-roads/highway-schemes-and-developments/major-schemes/proposal-for-junction-7a-on-m11-harlow.aspx>.

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 the [Gov.uk website](http://www.gov.uk).

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 714660 in any future communications.

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:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-agency/about/complaints-procedure>

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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