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Your ref:  
Our ref: RFI 6667  
Date: 3rd July 2014

Dear

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION:** Information relating to Cambridge Airport's draft Noise Action Plan

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 5th June 2014 regarding Cambridge International Airport's draft Noise Action Plan. As you know, we have handled part of your request (as set out below) under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs).

As requested, I attach the following information:

- A copy of the Action Planning Data Pack for Cambridge International Airport.

You also requested the information outlined in the following bullet points:

- "Please validate the integrity of the original Noise Mapping data (criteria and data used) vis a vis the reality of the recent expansion with the addition of existing movements."
- "Please provide a comparison of Noise mapping data for 2011 against the reality the current combination of the past, present and future movements, ground noises, genre of aircraft & quantities of each genre."
- "Please provide copies or explanations of the data introduced and the details of any consultation with Local Authorities and CACC members."
- "Please provide data on which the analysis and assessment of the mapping was based."
- "Please provide details of the "determining priorities" and the data on which the priorities were assessed and policies integrated into the NAP."
- "Were Local Authorities, CACC or other interested parties invited to any meetings? Are minutes of any meetings and decision making process available?"
- "Where is the data that concludes existing measures are satisfactory and that no other method is considered appropriate? Which parties were invited or attended the review and updating process?"



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Noise mapping data and aircraft movement numbers are included in Cambridge International Airport's published draft noise action plan, which is available on the airport's web site and which we understand you have seen. Please note that the Regulations do not require airports to map ground noise.

The draft action plan also includes details of the consultation undertaken. In addition, Cambridge Airport Consultative Committee meeting minutes are available at:  
<http://www.cambridgeairport.com/company-history/airport-community->

I am writing to advise you that the remainder of the information that you have requested is not held by Defra.

The information is therefore exempt under regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIRs, which relates to information which is not held at the time when an applicant's request is received. Regulation 12(4)(a) is a qualified exception, which usually means that a public authority is required to conduct a public interest test to determine whether or not information should be disclosed or withheld. However, the Information Commissioner, who is the independent regulator for requests made under the EIRs, takes the view that a public interest test in cases where the information is not held would serve no useful purpose. Therefore, in line with the Information Commissioner's view, Defra has not conducted a public interest test in this case.

I can confirm that some of the information is held by Cambridge International Airport, which can be contacted at Cambridge International Airport, Newmarket Road, Cambridge CB5 8RX or by emailing [enquiries@cambridgeairport.com](mailto:enquiries@cambridgeairport.com). Alternatively, we can transfer your request to Cambridge International Airport, but before doing so we need your permission to notify it of your name and contact details. If you agree to this, please either sign and return to me the declaration at the foot of this letter or email me at the address below, quoting the reference number and date of this letter and stating that you authorize the transfer of your information request.

In your letter you raised a number of other issues, on which we will write to you separately.

I attach an annex giving contact details should you be unhappy with the service you have received.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me.

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I, hereby authorise Defra to transfer my information request to Cambridge International Airport

Signature: .....

Date: .....

Name in BLOCK CAPITALS .....

## Annex

### Complaints

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you may make a complaint or appeal against our decision under section 17(7) of the FOIA or under regulation 18 of the EIRs, as applicable, within 40 working days of the date of this letter. Please write to Mike Kaye, Head of Information Standards, Area 40, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square London, SW1P 3JR (email: [requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:requestforinfo@defra.gsi.gov.uk)) and he will arrange for an internal review of your case. Details of Defra's complaints procedure are on our website.

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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