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Via email

Direct Line:

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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST
A1(M) ATTENUATION STORAGE POND, KNEBWORTH**

Thank you for your email of 13 January requesting for information about the A1(M) attenuation storage pond adjacent to Gypsy Lane, Knebworth. I have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You later clarified in your email of 14 January that a date range from 1 January 2006 to present was to be applied.

I respond to each of your requests in turn as follows:

1. Details of any works and maintenance carried out to the A1(M) attenuation storage pond (adjacent to Gypsy Lane, Knebworth between junctions 6 and 7 of the A1(M), including date, times and actions taken.

We completed a capacity study of all the lagoons along the A1(M) in April 2007, including the one adjacent to Gypsy Lane. This concluded that all lagoons were functioning adequately as soakaways but recommended an increase in their storage capacity. Consequently, we completed work to increase their capacity to store water following severe weather, including the lagoon adjacent to Gypsy Lane, in February 2011.

2. Details of inspections made to the A1(M) attenuation storage pond (adjacent to Gypsy Lane, Knebworth between Junction 6 & 7 of the A1(M) under your Asset Support Contract Maintenance Requirements Plan, including dates, times and actions taken.

Asset Support Contracts in the East of England commenced on 1 April 2014 and therefore inspections made under the Asset Support Contract Maintenance Requirements Plan, including dates, times and actions taken would only be available from this date.

In accordance with that plan, our service provider is required to carry out inspections every two years. The attenuation ponds, including the one adjacent to Gipsy Lane, are in a current programme of inspections for delivery by the end of this financial year ie by 31 March 2016. These inspections will primarily look at the following:

- Condition of the safety fencing
- Condition of life buoy
- Overall condition of attenuation pond
- Any obvious outfall cleansing required
- Assessment of silt level – if silt removal is required.
- Access gates
- Turning circle head for emergency emptying

As those inspections have yet to be completed, we hold no information relating to inspections made under the Asset Support Contract Maintenance Requirements Plan.

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-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or email info@highwaysengland.co.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:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number CRS 732,865 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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