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Via Email

13 August 2015

Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST LOWESTOFT THIRD CROSSING AND BASCULE BRIDGE**

I am writing regarding your request for information of 4 August. In that request, you asked us for information we hold in relation to the planned Lowestoft Third Crossing and the present Bascule Bridge.

I am writing to advise you that we do hold information that is relevant to your request but regret to inform you of my decision not to disclose this information.

The information you requested is being withheld in reliance on the provisions of Section 12 of the Act. We have estimated that the cost of compiling your request will exceed £450. Section 12 of the Act does not oblige us to comply with requests if they exceed this limit.

We would invite you to make a new refined request which we would be able to comply with. With that in mind please refer to the following advice and guidance about information we may be able to provide within the appropriate limit:

- 1) Communications with various parties: We will be able to provide copies of correspondence from January 2014.
- 2) Closures of the Bascule Bridge: We will only be able to provide data from 2007. We are unable to differentiate between hydraulic work and non-hydraulic work.
- 3) How much has the Bascule Bridge cost to maintain: We would reasonably be expected to provide information for the last seven financial years i.e. 1 April 2007 to 31 March 2015. However, maintenance sums for the Bascule Bridge were spent within a more generic budget and cannot be specifically identified.

- 4) Concerns raised about the Bascule Bridge: We would need you to be more specific about this. Do you mean queries raised by, for example, members of the public? Could you also be more specific as to the nature of the concern, such as safety concerns or concerns about the number of closures? Please also bear in mind that we will only be able to provide copies of correspondence from the last five years.
- 5) Discussions about Bascule Bridge limiting its use to sustainable transport or its closure with stakeholders: It may be possible to provide some information but a large number of files will have to be reviewed in order to identify information potentially in scope of the request. In order to make this portion of the request manageable we suggest limiting the date range to any discussions held in the last three years.
- 6) Discussions with MPs about extending the A47 from Great Yarmouth to Lowestoft: Please confirm whether you mean the proposal to renumber the A12 as the A47. We should also be able to provide confirmation of whether any discussions have, or have not, been held.

Please contact me if I can be of more help in shaping a new request.

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](mailto: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  
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 725,243 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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