

Our ref: FOI 741,955

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Thank you for your freedom of information request of 24 August 2016. I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information.

In your email of 24 August you asked the following questions:

- *Please confirm what studies you have carried out into the impact of fracking on UK traffic.*
- *Please supply the results of these studies.*

Highways England is responsible for operating, maintaining and improving England's strategic road network which comprises approximately 4,300 miles of motorways and all-purpose trunk roads. The motorways and major roads in England that are managed by the Highways England can be viewed on our Network Management Map:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/roads-managed-by-the-highways-agency>

Other public roads in England are managed by local authorities. Roads in Scotland are managed by Transport Scotland <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/> and in Wales by the Welsh Government: <http://gov.wales/?skip=1&lang=en>.

I can confirm that Highways England has not undertaken any studies into the impact of fracking on traffic on the strategic road network. Fracking is taken to mean hydraulic fracturing - a well-stimulation technique in which rock is fractured by a pressurized liquid.

If you have not already done so, you may wish to contact the Department for Transport about this issue. You can make a request to them via: <https://forms.dft.gov.uk/foi-dft-and-dft-agencies/>. Alternatively, if you would like us to transfer your request to the Department for Transport, please let me know.

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 e-mail 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
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number FOI 741,955 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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