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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST A14 CAMBRIDGESHIRE - ROADWORKS

Thank you for your email of 19 April requesting information about roadworks on the A14 in Cambridgeshire.

You asked for the following information:

- *How many days in the last 12 months (2015-16) have there NOT been roadworks on any section of the A14 in Cambridgeshire?*
- *How many days in the previous 12 months (2014-15) have there NOT been roadworks on any section of the A14 in Cambridgeshire?*
- *How many days in the 12 months previous to the point above (2013-14) have there NOT been roadworks on any section of the A14 in Cambridgeshire?*

We have now completed our search for information.

Any planned activity requiring traffic management on the strategic road network is booked via our Schedule of Road Works (SRW) system. This includes work carried out by Highways England, a local authority or a third party.

Improvement and maintenance work is essential to keep traffic moving and maintain safety on such a vital route as the A14.

The period covered by this request includes times when we have carried out long-term schemes, for example when we added extra capacity to the road between Histon and Girton and when we strengthened the Huntingdon Railway Viaduct, all to improve journeys for road users. These periods necessitated 24/7 traffic management.

As we have already clarified with you, as well as planned improvement work, the results also include emergency repairs following incidents and our routine maintenance operations such as gully clearing, pothole repairs and grass cutting.

All our maintenance and improvement work is carefully planned to minimise disruption as far as possible; so, for example, much short-term work is carried out overnight when there is least traffic on the road.

The results also include events such as layby closures and rolling road blocks carried out by the police which do not involve roadworks.

The results, which show the number of days where there was no recorded traffic management of any description on the A14 in Cambridgeshire, are:

2013-14 - 22 days

2014-15 - 17 days

2015-16 - 60 days

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
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 737,464 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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