

Our ref: CRS 742,137  
Your ref:

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Via email

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7 October 2016

Dear

**ENVIRONMENT INFORMATION REGULATIONS 2004  
LITTLE WHIRLPOOL RAMSHORN SNAIL COLONY MIGRATION TRIAL (A47 ACLE  
STRAIGHT)**

Thank you for your email of 3 September and your further email of 9 September clarifying your request. I have dealt with your request under the Environment Information Regulations 2004 because the requested information concerns measures and activities affecting or likely to affect elements of the environment or factors such as noise, pollution discharges and other releases into the environment.

I am writing to confirm that we do hold the information that you have requested and most of what you have requested is attached in the appendices. However, some of the information cannot be disclosed and is being withheld as it falls under the exceptions set out in regulation 12(5)(g) of the Environmental Information Regulations (see <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/3391/regulation/12/made>). This is because some of the information could possibly cause harm to the environment through the identification of the location of the Little Whirlpool Ramshorn Snail colonies. References to the location of the snail colonies have also been redacted from the other information released.

In applying this exception we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. The key public interest factors for and against disclosure are attached at Appendix 17.

Following on from the previous information which was sent to you in August 2015 (reference CRS 724,871), I now attach the subsequent information which can be released:

Appendix	Title
1	A47 Acle Straight - Proximity of Ditches
2	A47 Acle Straight
3	E-Mail - LWRS Update Meeting Agenda and Attendees
3a	Attachment - Attendee list

3b	Attachment - Agenda
4	E-Mail - PPT -FINAL VERSION
4a	Little Whirlpool Ramshorn Snail Update Meeting presentation
5	E-Mail: FW: Methods
5a	Attachment - Translocation methods for Anisus vorticulus
6	E-Mail - RE: Detailed Site Survey Report Submission
7	E-Mail - RE: A47 Acle Straight - trial snail translocation
8	E-Mail - RE: A47 Acle Straight - Little Whirlpool Ramshorn Snail Translocation
8a	Attachment - photo A
8b	Attachment - photo B
9	E-Mail - RE: A47 Acle Straight - Little whirlpool ramshorn snail translocation
10	Meeting notes - Start up Meeting Project Team and Natural England 7 March 2016
11	Meeting notes - Little Whirlpool Ramshorn Snail Update meeting - Telephone conference 19 July 2016
12	E-Mail - FW: A29 - Anisus vorticulus licence application
12a	Attachment - A29 - Anisus vorticulus licence application
12b	Attachment - Translocation report of the Little Whirlpool Ramshorn Snail - detailed surveys
12c	Attachment - AECOM Vegetation Data Recording Sheet
12d	Attachment - AECOM Mollusc Data Recording Sheet - Phase 2
12e	Attachment - Environmental Data Recording Sheet
12f	Attachment - same as item 5a
13	Phase 3 Little Whirlpool Ramshorn Snail update phase overview
14	E-Mail - FW: Detailed Site Survey Report Submission
14a	Attachment - same as item 12b
15	email - FW: A29 - Anisus vorticulus licence application
15a	Attachment - letter: CONSERVATION OF HABITATS AND SPECIES REGULATIONS 2010 (AS AMENDED) AND WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981 (AS AMENDED)
15b	Attachment - letter: Licence
15c	Attachment - Report of Action Taken
16	E-Mail - RE: A47 Acle Straight - trial snail translocation
17	Public Interest Test

Please note that personal information has been redacted from the attached documentation in reliance on Regulation 13(1) of the Environmental Information Regulations Act 2004.

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](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 CRS 742,137 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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