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Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST  
M11 JUNCTION 7/7A**

Thank you for your letter received on 31 March requesting information about the M11 junction 7/7A. I have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I respond as per the points raised.

**Copies of all minutes of meetings held between 1 January 2014 and the present day between the Highways Agency and Harlow Council regarding road improvements in Harlow.**

**Copies of all minutes from 1 January 2014 to the present day of any meetings involving the Highways Agency and Harlow Council (with or without other attendees) regarding the M11 Junction 7.**

**Copies of all minutes from 1 January 2014 up to the present day of any meetings involving the Highways Agency and Harlow council (with or without any other attendees regarding the M11 and the proposed Junction 7A.**

I can confirm that we do hold this information. However, under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. We have answered a similar request for information in December 2014, which has since been published on our website. Some of the information requested can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/m11-junction-7>

We have received minutes of two further meetings since we answered that request and a copy of those minutes are attached. Please note that personal information has been redacted in reliance of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

**Copies of any funding bids made since January 2015 to the present day to secure funding towards improvements to the M11.**

I presume you are continuing to refer to junctions 7 and 7A. Highways England does not hold this information for either junctions 7 or 7A. For junction 7A, you may wish to contact Essex County Council. For junction 7, please see the answer below.

**Further to the Government announcement of £50million of funding under its Road Improvement Strategy towards improvements to the M11 (on or near to Junction 7) please can you provide a copy of the funding bid associated with this funding.**

Route Strategies formed the basis of the funding bids for the Roads Investment Strategy. These were published on 26 March 2015. The London to Leeds (East) Route Strategy includes the M11 and can be found online at [https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/416748/London\\_to\\_Leeds\\_East.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/416748/London_to_Leeds_East.pdf)

**In relation to the Government announcement of £50million towards improvement to the M11 (on or near Junction 7) details of how, where and when these funds may be spent.**

Highways England (formerly the Highways Agency) is still at a very early stage of planning improvements to the M11 junction 7 and no details are available at present. Our commitment to improvements at junction 7 is outlined in the Roads Investment Strategy and can be viewed at:

[https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/381496/roads-investment-strategy-summary-of-schemes.pdf](https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/381496/roads-investment-strategy-summary-of-schemes.pdf)

We will be publishing our proposals in due course.

**Details and results of any capacity studies undertaken into the M11 junction 7.**

We do not hold this information. We are however, aware that Harlow District Council has completed capacity studies to inform the Local Development Order.

**Minutes of any meetings or details/results of any modelling work since the consultation last year regarding a new junction onto the M11 Junction 7A.**

Please refer to our reply published earlier at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/m11-junction-7>

**Details and results of any capacity studies undertaken into the M11 Junction 7A.**

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 718,780 in any future communications.

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:

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