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Dear [REDACTED]

We have now completed our search for the information you requested in your email of 27 July 2017 in relation to the A31 winter maintenance policy and incident reports. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I will answer each of your requests for information:

1. Please confirm the A31 Bere Regis to Wimborne, 300m east of the junction with Dullar Lane was treated on 01/02/2015

Please see attached the 'Salt Return Form' and 'OW04' document, focusing on the highlighted sections; it shows the process started at 19:00 on the 1 February 2015.

2. Please confirm the time this section of road was treated

We are unable to provide evidence to confirm the exact time that section of road was treated however I can inform you that according to our forms; the gritter left the depot at 19:00 and returned at 20:35. This is shown in the 'Salt Return' attachment.

3. Please provide a record of the vehicle and employee who completed this journey

In accordance with the Data Protection Act, we are unable to provide you with the driver's details as it is third party information. However the vehicle registration is WX08 MWP as highlighted in the 'Salt Return' attachment.

4. Please confirm the mix which was used to treat the road

This route was treated with 18 grams of dry Thawrox 6mm.

5. Please provide confirmation whether the road surface was damp/wet or dry when the mix was applied

The nearest weather station to Dullar Lane is A31 Stoney Cross (approx. 30km away). Please see attached, the weather station observation for 19:30 on the 1 February 2015, and a separate attachment containing a graph from the same station, both showing the road as dry.

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
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

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

Yours sincerely

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Team Executive - Operations Correspondence Team

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