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Highways England

Email: [REDACTED]

28 March 2017

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for email of 6th March 2017 requesting information about signage and flooding on the A27 within the vicinity of Hove. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOI).

You have asked for information for the last five years between 6th March 2012 and 6th March 2017. Please see the relevant answer to each of your requests highlighted in bold and italic below.

I hereby request all information leading to the decision to permanently erect flood warning signs on the A27 Hove by pass in both directions in the location of dip 9870B.

Our decision was based on the large amount of flood events recorded throughout 2015. The warning signs were erected in October 2015 but I would like to highlight that these are not permanent signs. They are temporary permanent "Road Liable to Flooding" signs on A-Frames on both the Eastbound and westbound approach and will remain in place until construction of our planned drainage scheme entitled "A27 West of A2038 Devils Dyke" takes place. This is currently being designed and construction is planned for the 2018/19 financial year.

I hereby request all flood reports from the A27 by the Hove slip road dip 9870B over the last 5 years.

Please see the attached named 'Appendix 1'.

I hereby request details of how many complaints have been made in relation to flooding on the A27 close to dip 9870B over the last 5 years.

Please refer to both 'Appendix 2' and 'Appendix 3'.

I hereby request details of how many traffic incidents or damage have been made as a result of flooding on the A27 close to dip 9870B over the last 5 years.

There were a total of 9 incidents as a result of traffic incidents between Devils Dyke and Hangleton in the 5 year period 2012-2016, of which 2 were attributed to standing water (please refer to the attached files labelled 'Appendix 4', 'Appendix 5' and 'Appendix 6').

Damage related incidents are not investigated nor do we determine the cause, meaning we cannot confirm damage as a result of flooding.

I hereby request details of all occasions (dates) that temporary flood warning signs have been erected on the A27 close to dip 9870B over the last 5 years.

This information forms part of 'Appendix 1' which contains 20 separate reports.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of FOI legislation, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. We may therefore publish the information you requested, together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context, via the Gov.uk website. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.uk. If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our review process is available at: www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure

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, quoting our reference number at the top of this letter.

Yours sincerely

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