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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST OXFORD TO CAMBRIDGE EXPRESSWAY

Thank you for your email of 19 June requesting information about cost assumptions for the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway. We have now completed our search for the information requested. I have extracted elements of your request and respond to each below:

- 1. I would be grateful if you would confirm that these overall cost assumptions were compiled on a section by section basis and if so, provide the specific cost assessment for each section within each of the overall route options.*

The scheme costs shown in Table 6-1 are order of magnitude costs only and reflect the strategic nature of the options and outline route detail at this stage of the study. The overall cost assumptions were not compiled on a section by section basis.

- 2. I note that BS4, which is included in your map at 5.2, is not costed at 6.21, although it is reasonable to assume it was costed if only for the purpose of elimination. Can you confirm either that it has not been costed or provide the section costs on the same basis as the other routes.*

I confirm sub-option BS4 was not costed.

- 3. Can you also confirm whether the base case option of upgrading the existing A34 expressway as necessary from Lodge Hill to Junction 9 of the M40 is sub-option S1? If not, please confirm whether that option was costed as, if it was, provide the cost information.*

I confirm sub-option S1 is improvement of the A34 to the west and north of Oxford and connections to Options B and C to the east of the M40.

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:

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 752,424 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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