

Our ref: CRS 749,304

Your ref:

Highways England
Second Floor
Woodlands
Manton Lane
Bedford MK41 7LW

Direct Line:

27 March 2017

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST
A1/A421 BLACK CAT ROUNDABOUT – COSTS AND MAN HOURS**

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 9 March about the upgrade costs and man hours spent on the Black Cat Roundabout improvement completed in 2015.

Our recorded costs to date are as follows:

£ 456,256.90 for design and development

£6,445,506.53 for construction, including payments for land, statutory undertakers and on-site supervision.

We are in the process of finalising the account for the construction phase but the figures are unlikely to be significantly different from the sum quoted above.

Work to improve the Black Cat Roundabout was carried out under contract. We neither hold records of staff hours worked nor require our contractors to do so. Making reasonable assumptions about productivity and based on the amount of work required and the time spent on site, we estimate staff hours expended by ourselves and our contractors on this scheme to have been between 7,000 and 7,500 for the development phase and between 32,000 and 38,000 for the construction phase.

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:

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 749,304 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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