

Our ref:753965

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Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your request for information about traffic forecast data for the next 15 years originally received in a call dated 3rd April 2017 and confirmed in a follow up email dated 5th May 2017. I am dealing with it under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

This is because the information requested concerns measures and activities affecting or likely to affect elements of the environment or affect factors such as noise, pollution discharges and other releases into the environment.

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information. A copy of the information is attached.

Please note that

- 1) These figures are for a 'core scenario'
- 2) Different assumptions about traffic growth over the 15 years to the design year can be made. We will use these assumptions to predict 'low growth' and 'high growth' forecasts which will give a band of flows on each side of these figures
- 3) Allowance has been made for extra traffic from new development expected to occur as the local plan(s)
- 4) The figures are from an 'all or nothing' assignment. The next stage of the work will consider traffic flows if a 'variable demand' assignment is used instead.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review within 2 months of the date of this response for Freedom of Information requests and within 40 days for Environmental Information Regulations requests.

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 753,965 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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