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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST A120 WIX TO HORSLEY CROSS**

Thank you for your email of 19 March requesting copies of the weekly inspection reports for the A120 between Wix to Horsley Cross from 1 January to 17 March. We have now completed our search for the information requested.

The attached pdf provides the requested information.

The A120 between Wix and Horsley Cross is a small part of a larger inspection route formed of the A12 junction 11 at Brentwood to the Parkeston Roundabout near Harwich. Information contained in the attached reports that falls outside the scope of your request has therefore been redacted. Personal information has also been redacted in reliance of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

You will note that there are no records included for 1, 15 and 22 February and 1 and 15 March. This is because our service provider has been conducting “find and fix” inspections of the A120. This involves inspecting the A120 and carrying out either temporary or permanent repairs at the same time to ensure the road remains safe and serviceable. When necessary, these have been completed under a rolling road block with the assistance of Essex Police.

The Wix Bypass was built during the 1970’s using a concrete bay type of construction and is approaching the end of its serviceable life. We have already identified the general decline in the condition of this road and prepared a scheme for delivery this summer to ensure the road is maintained to a safe and serviceable condition.

Our long-term aim is to renew this section of road and so address the underlying problem. However, due to the complexity of this site, this will require considerable development and planning to mitigate the impact on road users and local communities. Also, the cost of the scheme is likely to be significant and will require the securing of funding in the second Roads Investment Period (2020-2025).

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](mailto: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  
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 761,030 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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