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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST A120 – BIRCHANGER TO STANSTED CYCLE ROUTE

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information which you requested on 25 March.

The cycle route scheme between Birchanger and Stansted has been delivered as part of a £10million package of maintenance and improvement work on the M11. It involved the renewal and upgrading of an existing bridleway and cycle path between the village of Birchanger and Stansted airport.

The scheme was developed in the interests of safety, aiming to make the route a more attractive and safe alternative to the M11 junction 8 gyratory.

We have provided new signing at strategic locations, resurfaced or repaired the route, cleared vegetation, installed innovative and energy efficient lighting on the Stansted side of the path and 'give way' posts for the interaction between equestrians and cyclists and where concealed turns are present. The location of the path makes it ideal for those commuting to work in Stansted, as well as those travelling to the surrounding communities, promoting safe, green travel in the area.

To address concerns about horse riders and cyclists passing each other we have widened the existing Public Right of Way as far as possible within the constraints of the existing ditch and boundary fence. We have also installed signs to remind cyclists to give way/share the route with horses.

You ask for the total cost of this work. At this stage we are unable to provide the final costs of the scheme as the final account is still being agreed.

However, the estimated target price breakdown of costs is set out in the table below. Signing is included separately as requested. Please note labour costs are inclusive within each heading as they are not separated within the estimated target price.

Temporary stores, offices & buildings	189,959.85
Temporary signs	504.40
Traffic management	21,593.40
Site clearance	14,612.00
Fencing, gates and stiles	16,574.33
Drainage	28,595.04
Geotechnics	6,997.82
Surfacing	111,204.52
Road markings, studs and lighting	35,816.89
Road signs	16,424.72
Sundries	1,731.20
Total	444,014.17

I confirm that there were no other parties involved in funding the work.

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. 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
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number CRS 761,307 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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