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Via Email:

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20 July 2018

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST  
CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN HIGHWAYS ENGLAND AND ALISTAIR BURT MP  
FOLLOW UP REQUEST**

Thank you for your email of 16 July requesting further information following my earlier response of 12 July. We have treated your correspondence as a new request for information and respond as follows.

1. Request for minutes and attendees of the Members forum for the A428 Black Cat to Caxton Gibbet improvement scheme held on 22 July 2016. (Email of 7 July 2016 previously provided refers).

There were no formal minutes produced. We do hold information about attendees and this is attached at Annex A. Personal information is redacted in reliance of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

Those who were invited but did not attend are also redacted as they fall outside the scope of this portion of your request.

I am able to confirm that there is no record of Alistair Burt MP attending.

2. Regarding the correspondence from Alistair Burt MP writing that some of his constituents had been in touch about a letter from us about arranging access to their land. I confirm this was an email.

Following a search of our electronic and paper records, we cannot find any information relating to our attendance at a parish council meeting. That does not mean we did not attend a parish council meeting, it means that had we done so, no notes or formal minutes were recorded.

Please find attached at Annex B, a copy of the letter dated 28 April 2016 that we sent landowners requesting access to their land for a walkover survey.

3. From Martin Fellows' letter to Mr Burt of 11 January, you request details of our liaison meeting with Central Bedfordshire Council on 7 January, copies of minutes and attendees.

The meeting is a regular liaison meeting between us and Central Bedfordshire Council officers and includes discussions about the strategic road network within central Bedfordshire.

No minutes were produced. We do hold information about attendees from both Highways England and Central Bedfordshire Council but these are withheld in reliance of Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act.

4. You ask for a copy of the letter received from Alistair Burt MP in November 2017 requesting information on the status of potential transport schemes in Bedfordshire.

Following a search of our electronic records, we do not hold this information.

We believe that the information may be held by the Department for Transport. By way of explanation, with effect from 1 April 2015, the Highways Agency became Highways England, a new government-owned company. Records relating to the Highways Agency's work were transferred to the new company. Highways England is a separate public authority from the Department for Transport, including for the purposes of the FOI Act.

You can make a request to them via: <https://forms.dft.gov.uk/foi-dft-and-dft-agencies/>

5. You provide an extract about the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway from the draft briefing we produced for a meeting on 22 January 2018 at Great Minster House. You comment that the Black Cat Roundabout improvement need not be delayed and should proceed with all possible speed. You also comment that some budgetary contribution should be sought towards the improvements from the Oxford to Cambridge Expressway budget.

No information held.

6. You request a copy of minutes and the names of attendees of a meeting proposed in the email to Alistair Burt MP dated 1 February 2018.

We neither confirm or deny material exists in reliance of Section 40(5)(b)(i) of the Freedom of Information Act.

7. You ask whether Alistair Burt MP contacted us again following Martin Fellows' letter of 19 February.

We have received no further contact from Mr Burt about the removal of “Sandy” as a destination from the advance direction sign on the A1.

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  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number CRS 764,425 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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