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### **Hydraulic props under the M1**

We have now completed our search for the information you requested in your email of the 7 April regarding hydraulic props under the M1 between junctions 2 - 3. Your request has been dealt with under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

You asked the following questions:

**1. Any plans you have to replace the props with a permanent solution that does not require guarding.**

The temporary props were replaced in December 2011 following the completion of the repairs.

**2. Or, if you have already put in place a permanent solution, when that was done.**

Immediately following the fire in April 2011, approximately 300t of temporary propping was installed to allow the M1 to be reopened to traffic pending the permanent repairs being carried out. These repairs were completed, and the temporary props removed, in December 2011.

**3. The cost of the props, the guarding, etc. If you hired the props, did you consider the alternative cost of buying them outright?**

See above responses

**4. The (estimated) cost of the permanent solution.**

We will provide you with an answer to this question by Friday 11 May.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number [REDACTED] in any future communications.

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>

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