

**Request for 2017 accident data**

**Freedom of Information Act Section 22: Information Intended for Future Publication**

***Factors supporting disclosure***

- There is an important public interest in the work of Highways England being transparent and open to scrutiny.
- There is a strong public interest in releasing information which shows accident analysis of the strategic road network.
- There is a presumption in favour of release of information.

***Factors supporting non-disclosure***

- This exemption applies if it is reasonable in all the circumstances to withhold the information from disclosure until the publication date.
- The data is currently held in unvalidated form and may contain inaccuracies that may corrupt other work or research if used or may adversely affect those on whom the data is held.
- Transparency will be achieved by the Department for Transport's publication of the data on the gov.uk website once it has been validated.

Overview:

- the information is not on emissions;
- The information held is unvalidated and may contain inaccuracies.
- The information will be published in due course on the gov.uk website.

**Conclusion: there are compelling arguments which support withholding the information which outweigh those supporting release.**

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