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Dear [REDACTED]

A3 Beechcroft Drive

Thank you for your email to our Customer Contact Centre on 22 October 2018. I have handled your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 for information about A3 Beechcroft Drive.

Please see below your questions and our answers:

I would like a copy of the study on noise pollution from the A3 its impact on Beechcroft Drive what mitigation has been taken and or considered.

We do not have any reports regarding noise pollution or air pollution for Beechcroft Drive as we do not own them. A Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) study identified this location as a Noise Important Area and the noise levels in this area were mitigated through the use of low noise surfacing in May 2014.

I would like to see a list of the Highways standard for the A3 junction with Beechcroft Drive and a list of where Beechcroft junction with A3 meets or fails that standard.

The A3 Guildford Bypass, including the access to Beechcroft Drive was opened to traffic in 1934. At that time there were no National Standards for the geometric design of highways. National highway design standards started to come into force in the 1950s and have developed into a range of standards brought together nationally in the set of documents that make up the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB). The latest versions of these standards are required to be used for all new or improved roads constructed by Highways England, however they are not mandatory for local highway authorities.

The current design standards for a new or improved access off a trunk road are set out in the DMRB standard TD 41/95. Details can be found here <http://www.standardsforhighways.co.uk/ha/standards/dmr/vol6/section2/td4195.pdf>.

For example, in standard conditions a new junction would require corner radii of 6m and a sightline envelope for a length of 160m on the main route from a point 2m from the stop or give way line into the access. No acceleration or deceleration would be required.

Where new accesses are to be constructed or existing accesses improved, Highways England would require the appropriate standards for that level of development to be used, however there is no obligation on Highways England to improve existing highways in response to new or amended highway standards coming into force.

I would like to see any assessment Highways have made of fume, vehicle, and other pollution its impact on the Beechcroft Drive what has been done or considered as mitigation to protect residents.

Similarly to the first point above, the responsibility for any such assessments falls with DEFRA <https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-environment-food-rural-affairs>.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number CRS 766820 in any future communications.

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 for Freedom of Information requests and within 40 days for Environmental Information Regulations requests. 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 e-mail 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:

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Yours sincerely

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