

Our ref: CRS 767,752

Your ref:

Via email

Highways England Second Floor Woodlands Manton Lane

Bedford MK41 7LW

Direct Line:

10 December 2018

Dear

Environmental Information Request M40 – Extinguishment of a bridleway

Thank you for your email of 30 November requesting information about the extinguishment arrangement of a bridleway near OS grid reference SU 84222 90558. We have dealt with it under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

This is because the information requested concerns measures and activities affecting or likely to affect elements of the environment or affect factors such as noise, pollution discharges and other releases into the environment.

I am writing to advise you that as this section of the M40 was constructed in the mid to late 1960s and following a search of our paper and electronic records, I have established that the information you requested is not held by Highways England. The information you have requested therefore falls under Regulation 12(4)(a) of the Regulations – information not held.

However, we believe that relevant statutory instruments relating to your request may be held in the Department for Transport's deposit archive in Hastings. 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/

Additionally, Regulation 9 of the Environmental Information Regulations places a duty on us to provide reasonable advice and assistance. Whilst we do not hold the requested information, during our search, we have found that information may be available via The Motorway Archive – the online encyclopaedia of UK motorway heritage.



The Archive has information about the M40 by section. Information about the M40 junctions 1 – 5 can found at <a href="http://mat.pixl8-hosting.co.uk/en/motorways/moto

This website also advises that a full archive for this section of the M40 may be held by Northamptonshire County Council. I hope this proves useful in your search.

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 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:

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 760,572 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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