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Dear

Freedom of Information Request A5 Dunstable Northern Bypass

Thank you for your email of 25 February requesting information about the layout of the A5 Dunstable Northern Bypass between the B5120 roundabout and 560 metres east of the junction. You also ask for information about an incident that occurred on 17 April 2018.

We have now completed our search for information. I have extracted each of your requests and respond as follows:

1. *Have you performed your own investigation into this incident?*

We do not carry out investigations into road traffic collisions. Investigations are carried out by the police.

2. *If so when?*

See point 1

3. *If so have you prepared a report into this?*

See point 1

4. *If so please can you share this?*

See point 1

5. *What is the speed limit on this stretch of road for a Land Rover Discovery?*

The national speed limit applies.

6. *What is your speed limit enforcement policy?*

Highways England is not an enforcement authority. Bedfordshire Police are responsible for speed enforcement on the Dunstable Northern Bypass.

7. Are there any speed cameras within 1 mile of the accident location, and if so were they working on the night?

There are no speed cameras within a mile of the accident location.

8. Is there any street lighting from the roundabout to the point of impact?

There is street lighting on and around the B5120 roundabout. Lighting continues down the eastbound carriageway for approximately 170m.

9. If not, where is the nearest street lighting?

See point 8.

10. Are there any reflective materials in on or near the carriageway to assist with its definition?

Lane markings and reflective road studs are present along this section of the Dunstable Northern Bypass.

11. What is your crash investigation policy?

See point 1

12. When did you first learn of this occurrence?

The incident was reported to Highways England at 23:26 on 17 April 2018.

13. What steps did you take as a result?

We closed the carriageway in both directions at the request of the police.

14. What is the exact width of the east bound carriageway at this location?

We do not hold information about lane, carriageway or verge width of the Dunstable Northern Bypass.

We build roads to the standards set out by the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges unless a Departure from Standards is granted. No Departure from Standards were granted for this section of the Northern Dunstable bypass.

A standard lane width is 3.65m. A standard single carriageway width is 7.3m.

15. Does this include the width of the verge?

No. A standard verge width is 2.5m.

16. If not, what is the width of the verge?

See point 15.

17. Is a Land Rover Discovery entitled to be driving at 85.8 mph along this stretch of road?

A vehicle of any type driven at 85.8mph would be in excess of the national speed limit.

18. Is the roundabout 560m west of the impact point controlled by a stop or give way sign? Or can traffic seamlessly enter this stretch of carriageway without the need to stop in appropriate traffic conditions?

The B5120 northbound and southbound and the A5 eastbound and westbound are controlled by give way road markings. There is no hard stop or give way signage at the roundabout.

19. What is the volume of traffic carried along this stretch of carriageway between 10 and 11 pm?

Traffic flow data shows traffic flow on the Dunstable Northern Bypass between M1 junction 11A and B5120 (excluding roundabout traffic) to be 79 vehicles for the period between 10:00pm and 11:00pm for the week commencing 16 April 2018.

20. Have any changes been made to this stretch of carriageway since April 19 2018 and if so what?

No changes have been made to the Dunstable Northern Bypass since its opening.

21. If not, are any changes planned?

Information not held.

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 our Customer Contact Centre on 0300 123 5000; or email 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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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number 769,195 in any future communications.

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