

Our Reference: [REDACTED]
Your Reference: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Highways England
Second floor
Woodlands
Manton Lane
Bedford
MK41 7LW

20 June 2019

By Email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

Environment of Information Request A12 Lucy Lane South noise barrier

Thank you for your email of 22 May requesting information about the business case for noise works on the A12 Lucy Lane South. I apologise for the delay in responding but we have now completed our search for the requested information. I have extracted the elements of your request and respond as follows:

- 1. Also as a freedom of information request I'd like to see the business case for the noise works (this should have been completed by now)***
- 2. Also like to request the details of the fund that has been pulled. And the persons contact details who pulled the fund. And the reasons why.***
- 3. I'd also like a list of previous works funded by the said fund. Along with costs. And any future agreed works that are to proceed.***

The noise barrier project you have referred to was to be funded from the environment designated fund which is a national fund of £225m to be invested between April 2015 and March 2020. This fund supports our aim to try to ensure that the strategic road network is harmonious with its surroundings to deliver an improved environment.

The objectives of this fund are:

- protecting human and environmental health with clean air and water
- preserving an attractive landscape with a protected countryside and clean and visually appealing towns and cities
- encouraging thriving wildlife with increasing biodiversity
- reduced levels of noise and light near homes and in the wider countryside
- protection of our historic environment including heritage assets and their setting

The environment designated fund has not been cancelled but it is over-subscribed and no further new investment is being initiated at this time. The business case for the A12 noise barrier was not written therefore it cannot be provided on reliance of Regulation 12(4)(a) which we do not hold the information that has been requested.

As requested you can find the details of which projects have been funded by the environment designated fund in previous years, along with costs, and any other future works that have been funded in the attachment enclosed.

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>

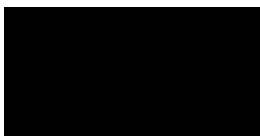
If you require a print copy, please phone our customer contact centre on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.


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 CRS 770,556 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely




Business Management Team Leader
Operations (East)
Email: 