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Your ref:

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14 November 2019

Dear

**Environmental Information Regulations 2004
M1 junction 11 – Bradley Road Bridge**

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information which you requested on 3 November.

I 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 have extracted elements of your request and respond as follows:

Details of all inspections and/or risk assessments that have been undertaken regarding the trees growing on this overbridge, and the danger of them falling onto the busy M1 below.

The trees have been noted during our last 2 general structural inspections of the bridge, in 2016 and 2018.

We do not believe they currently pose a risk to traffic on the M1. However, we are concerned that they may cause structural damage to the bridge if allowed to remain.

We intend to remove the trees during the principal inspection, planned for March 2020, when we will have appropriate traffic management in place.

If the bridge itself is not a Highways England responsibility, details of any contacts you have made regarding this matter with the responsible highway authority/bridge owner.

We, Highways England, are the responsible authority for the structure. However, Luton Council is the responsible highway authority for the road that crosses it.

We will liaise with them nearer the time about how we will carry out the principle inspection and the removal of the trees.

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 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:

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 100480 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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