

Date: 13/03/19
Our Ref: RFI2639
Your Ref: FOI Request – Botley Bypass
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Dear ██████████

RE: Request for Information – RFI2639

Thank you for your recent email, which was processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). For clarification, you requested the following information:

This FOI request concerns the funding of a proposed by-pass in Botley, Hampshire.

Please provide copies of emails from 1st June 2017 to present between relevant staff at the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government and colleagues at Hampshire County Council regarding funding of the Botley Bypass.

This bypass was announced on 1 February 2018: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/866-million-investment-to-help-unlock-potential-200000-new-homes>

For the avoidance of doubt and to aid the facilitation of this FOI request, my interest in this matter relates only to the funding of this bypass (plus potentially any discussion related to PR about this funding). Please contact me if you require any further details that will aid the locating of this information.

Response

I am able to confirm that Homes England does not hold the information detailed in your request. This is because there is no legal or business reason for Homes England to do so.

The FOIA does not oblige a public authority to create information to answer a request if the requested information is not held. The duty under section 1(1) is only to provide the recorded information held.

The full text of section 1 in the legislation can be found here:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2000/36/section/1>

Advice and Assistance

We have a duty to provide advice and assistance in accordance with Section 16 and Section 45 of the FOIA. To comply with this duty we suggest that you might wish to submit your request to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and local government as they may hold the information that falls within the scope of your request.

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Right to Appeal

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled you may request an internal review by writing to;

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You may also complain to the Information Commissioner however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link

<https://ico.org.uk/>

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,
Information Access Team
for Homes England