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Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your request for information about cycle provisions on the A34, dated 29 June and clarification response on 8 July. I have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

After researching A34 designated cycle paths in Hampshire and West Berkshire, we believe you are referring to the Newbury Bypass cycle route, installed in 1998. Cyclist are free to cycle down the A34 between Tot Hill Interchange, South of Newbury and Chieveley Village, North of the M4 either using the near side verge or by cycling in lane 1. However, the only cycle paths are the cycle cut throughs, on the slips roads which are approximately 10 meters in length.

There is a cycle path away from the road, from the northbound carriageway at the end of the A34 Tot Hill interchange entry slip, up to the Local Authority, West Berkshire Council controlled Oxford Road, that allows cyclists to continue onto Junction 13 and Chieveley.

I will answer each of your requests for information as advised in the reduction of scope request.

A map of the cycle infrastructure on this route, with the cycle infrastructure colour coded and notated.

Please find attached a map which identifies the cycle designated cross paths and the road cyclists can use on the A34.

Original timeline of the implementation of this route and date of opening.

The designated cycle cross paths at this location were implemented in 1998. Adaptations were made at the Chieveley junction in 2004/2005, when an underpass was constructed to take the A34 under the M4. This may have influenced the cyclists route through the junction as a route shared with pedestrians was provided.

As advised in the reduction in scope, we will not be providing the original timeline.

Yearly cost of upkeep of this cycle infrastructure per year for each year since implementation.

As advised, we do not capture the cost for any works to cycle paths separately from overall maintenance cost or against a particular location. Therefore, please see below the routine maintenance costs for the whole of the A34 from Winchester (M3, junction 9) to Wendlebury (M40, junction 9). This includes the maintenance of cycle paths.

Year		Routine Maintenance
2013	Nov - Dec	£20,790.00
2014	Jan - Dec	£420,283.00
2015	Jan - Dec	£483,510.00
2016	Jan - Dec	£307,881.00
2017	Jan - Dec	£454,587.00
2018	Jan - Dec	£317,780.00
2019	Jan - Dec	£273,773.00
2020	Jan - Jun	£127,920.00
		£2,385,734.00

We are unable to provide this information prior to November 2013 as this is when our contract began with our current service providers, Kier.

All details, documentation, and correspondence related to the upkeep of this cycle route, such as maintenance incidents raised, for each year from 2012 onwards.

Please see attached all recorded maintenance concerns raised regarding the A34 from Tot Hill to Chieverly, since 2018 as advised in the reduction of scope. These are not specified to cycle paths as cyclists can use lane 1 or the near side verge.

Yearly maximum speeds by motor vehicles recorded at any point along this route, with year of recorded speed for the last five years.

Following receipt of your clarification, we have identified a link which will be able to provide the information requested. The annual 15-minute average is a reflection of what happens on average, and not a reflection of maximum or minimum extremes. The website link below contains the same information that we hold in our database, but in a more user-friendly format.

- <http://webtris.highwaysengland.co.uk/>

Within this link you will find the locations of our sensors and the data collected by them. These collect data on flow and speed, and produce a record for every 15-minute period, showing the number of vehicles, and the average speed of those vehicles in that period.

You will need to choose the daily report which will give you the options of standard, hourly, or 15-minute level reports. Should you choose to select the monthly or annual report, I have listed below some of the abbreviations which are featured on the website, along with their meanings, for ease.

- TMU – Traffic Monitoring Unit – This is a sensor which is also referred to as ATCs (Automatic Traffic Counter)
- ADT - Average Daily Traffic – The average amount of vehicles per day at a location, based on a collection over a period of time. For example, a monthly ADT would be the sum of all vehicles that passed in a given month, divided by the number of days in the month.
- AWT – Average Weekly Traffic – The same as above but the count for the average week rather than the day.
- AADF or AADT – Annually Averaged Daily Flow/Traffic – Again the same as above, but averaged from all traffic in the year. (sum of all traffic in the year divided by number of days in the year)
- AAWF/AAWT – Annually Averaged Weekly Flow/Traffic – Same as above but with weekly traffic.

All feedback collected from prospective or actual users of this infrastructure for each year from 2012 onwards

Please find attached all correspondence received regarding cycle paths on A34 since 2018, as we only hold this data for 2 years.

Under Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I have redacted the personal information of those featured in the feedback.

Number of recorded road traffic incidents or other such incidents involving injury, potential injury, or damage to property, involving cyclists on this route.

The latest available accident data is published by the Department for Transport and can be accessed at <https://data.gov.uk/dataset/cb7ae6f0-4be6-4935-9277-47e5ce24a11f/road-safety-data> and <https://www.crashmap.co.uk/>. The data only includes accidents where an injury is involved, and the information has been collected by the Police. The data beyond 2018 is yet to be validated and therefore, is not yet available.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review within 2 months of the date of this response for Freedom of Information requests and within 40 days for Environmental Information Regulations requests. 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 101214 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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