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Dear [REDACTED]

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information dated 22 June 2020. I have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to you.

In your request you said:

I would be grateful if you could supply the following information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act...REF: - M1 Motorway – From Junction 13 to Junction 16, North and Southbound Carriageways

Request 1 – Please state when each of the carriageways were last re-surfaced. Provide info for each lane / section between junctions or service areas as stated below

Request 2 – Please state the approximate date (year) when each lane will next be due to be re-surfaced as part of Highways England's normal planned maintenance schedule.

NOTE

The sections of motorway stated below are currently in the process of being changed from a "3 lane + hardshoulder" into a "4 lane all lanes running" highway. Hence what is currently the hardshoulder will become the new lane 1. Please insert your dates into the table below. This is duplicated into the attachment for your convenience.

We have now completed our search for this information and a copy of it is shown below.

This section of motorway is currently being upgraded to a smart motorway. The scheme is being managed by our Major Projects Directorate. The scheme started in June 2018 and is expected to end in March 2022. More information about it is available here <https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/m1-junction-13-to-junction-16-smart-motorway/>

Upon completion of the scheme this part of the network will be handed back to our Operations Directorate who are responsible for the day-to-day management of the route and who plan to undertake maintenance over the coming years.

The Operations Directorate is divided into regions to enable the maintenance operations to be planned at a local level, with knowledge of the area and conditions unique to those sites. This section of the M1 falls across two regions; the East region and the East Midlands region. The point where this changes is at the boundary between Milton Keynes and Northamptonshire (near the village of Hartwell).

Please find attached a document titled 'Resurfacing Dates' which the teams above have contributed to. The information in blue has been provided by the East region, the information in green has been provided by the East Midlands region and the information in red has been provided by Major Projects.

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

I understand that you also spoke to [REDACTED] Project Manager for the M1 J13-16 Smart Motorways scheme, on 19 June 2020 and would also like to know:

1. ***When is the section between J14 and 15 planned for routine maintenance?***
2. ***Is resurfacing included in these maintenance activities?***
3. ***When was this section last resurfaced?***
4. ***Who is responsible for the decision to not resurface lanes 2 and 3 at the same time as the SMP scheme?***
5. ***Could a contact be provided so that you get in touch directly?***

Your enquiry has been handled under normal business practices and not in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act.

1. ***When is the section between J14 and 15 planned for routine maintenance?***

During the construction of the smart motorway scheme the responsibility for all maintenance is transferred to the contractor within defined limits. This maintenance includes repairs to ensure the safe operation of the road during the works, for example repairing potholes, cleaning signs, gritting or emptying gulleys.

Upon completion, the duties are transferred back to our Operations Directorate. Routine maintenance is therefore a continuous activity and maintenance works will be ongoing.

For Operations, maintenance includes future planned works such as resurfacing, replacement of infrastructure etc. Some of the infrastructure is being replaced as part of the motorway upgrades, and others will be renewed in future years in line with our asset management strategies.

2. ***Is resurfacing included in these maintenance activities?***

The need to resurface the road has been identified and will be carried out. We are determining when and who will do this work, based on the other priorities on the network at that time.

3. ***When was this section last resurfaced?***

Please see the 'Resurfacing Dates' document.

4. ***Who is responsible for the decision to not resurface lanes 2 and 3 at the same time as the SMP scheme?***

The decision is being discussed with the senior leaders across our Directorates, which takes into account the need for resurfacing, disruption to the road user and also the most efficient way to deliver the works.

5. ***Could a contact be provided so that you get in touch directly?***

If you have any further queries, please contact us by using the email addresses below.

Major Projects Directorate, Smart Motorways team
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Operations Directorate, East Midlands
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Operations Directorate, East
info@highwaysengland.co.uk

I hope this answers your enquiry. If you are not satisfied with our response to it or how we have handled it, please see our [complaints procedure](#) for advice on what to do next.

Yours sincerely

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