

Our ref: FOI 101359

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Dear

I refer to your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 Regulations 2004 for information about costs related to a proposal for a new petrol filling station on the A3 in Surrey which was refused for its unacceptable effect on the safety of road users.

I am writing to advise you that, following a search of our electronic records, I have established that some of the information you requested is not held by Highways England. Please see our responses below.

1. The costs Highways England incurred from the start.

It is not possible to determine the costs Highways England has incurred for an individual planning application. We have a dedicated team who are responsible for responding to statutory planning consultations in the South East. This particular planning application was managed alongside all the other planning consultations we were already reviewing at the time and have received and reviewed since.

2. Assessments and evidence presented.

This information is already in the public domain and is available on the Elmbridge Borough Council website under planning application number 2017/0524. Please see the link below:

http://emaps.elmbridge.gov.uk/ebc_planning.aspx?requesttype=parsetemplate&template=PlanningDetailsTab.tmplt&basepage=ebc_planning.aspx&Filter=^APPLICATION_NUMBER^=%272017/0524%27&history=4e8ed7118e714b0b8019f53cc43afcf5&appno:PARAM=2017/0524&address:PARAM=San%20Domenico,%20%20Portsmouth%20Road,%20Cobham,%20Surrey,%20KT11%20EN&easting:PARAM=508887&northing:PARAM=160291

3. Contractors involved and costs.

We have a contract with Atkins and WSP to provide us with technical advice under the South East Spatial Planning contract. This particular planning application was managed alongside all the other planning consultations we were already reviewing at the time and have received and reviewed since. It is not possible to determine the costs for an individual planning application.

The costs for our barrister was £22,150.

4. The costs to be paid.

Highways England has not yet seen the costs submitted by the appellant.

5. The judgement.

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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 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
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number FOI 101359 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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