

## FOI Advice

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**From:** DBFOCentralTeam  
**Sent:** 11 September 2020 10:10  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Highways England Freedom of Information Request - DBFO Business Cases (Our ref: FOI101404)

Dear

Thank you for your request for information dated **9 September 2020**. I have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I refer to your previous correspondence of 25 June making the same request for copies of DBFO Business Cases for PFI Contracts. We responded to you on 3 July under our reference number FOI101207 to confirm that, unfortunately, we do not hold the documents requested.

Highways England was Highways Agency at the time the original eight Tranche 1/1a DBFO Contracts were let. Highways Agency were an executive agency of the Department for Transport. The business cases that were produced to decide that the DBFO contracts were to be let as Private Finance Initiatives (PFIs) would have been produced by Department for Transport, rather than Highways Agency. I understand that you have already written to the Department for Transport, if you haven't already, there may be some value in contacting them again.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number FOI101404 in any future communications.

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](mailto: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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Yours sincerely

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**Subject:** FOI Request\_ 4 DBFO Projects

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings 😊

My name is currently doing a Ph.D. at Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia.

My research focus is on PFI projects in the UK.

I would like to request the information (paper or electronic copies of information) regarding the Business Cases of 4 DBFO projects as per below.

Kindly reply to me.

	<b>Project Name</b>
1	A417/A419 Swindon to Gloucester
2	A69 Carlisle to Newcastle
3	M1-A1 Lofthouse to Bramham Link
4	M40 Denham to Warwick

Stay Safe!

Thanks & Best Regards,

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