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Sent via Email

Dear

Freedom of Information Request – Queensbury Tunnel (Drainage Options)

I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 3rd December 2020.

Your Request - I would like to request information as to the options considered for draining Queensbury Tunnel and whenever or NOT these include restoring the original tunnel drainage that can be found in the centre of this tunnel below what used to be track level ?

Our Response – Three options were considered to discharge water from the cutting at the southern end of the tunnel; a new ditch, horizontal directional drilling through the cutting fill to create a drain or pumping up into Strines Beck. The condition of the existing tunnel drainage has been investigated and although blocked over short lengths it is clear over most of its length and restoration has been considered.

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/complaintsprocedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or email 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 101632 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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