

**Dr James Conboy**

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Date as email

Dear Dr James Conboy,

## **FOI-26-6148**

Thank you for your information request which was received on 3 February 2026. I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations ('EIR') 2004 ('the Regulations') because the information you have requested concerns work affecting the environment according to the definition in Regulation 2. Section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act ('FOI') 2000 ('the Act') exempts environmental information from the Act but requires us to consider it under the Regulations.

## **RESPONSE**

Please find our response attached as **FOI-26-6148 - Annex A**. For ease of reference, I address each of your questions in turn.

Some information has been withheld by virtue of **Regulation 12(5)(a)**. Please see **FOI-26-6148 - Annex B** for a full explanation of the legislation applied.

It is important to emphasise here, that whilst your motives for requesting this information are not in question; any information released under the Regulations is a disclosure to the world at large and not merely to you as the requester with a specific interest. It is this perspective, that therefore must be considered. Once released, information is available to anyone who subsequently requests it. Hence, in considering whether to release information, we must consider the potential for further use of the information.

## **Right to Review**

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain in writing to HS2 Ltd. Please find below details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure which includes your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI-26-6148** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely,

**Briefings, Correspondence and FOI Adviser**

High Speed Two (HS2) Limited

## **Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd within 40 working days of the date of this response about the way in which your request for information was handled and/or about the decision not to disclose all or part of the information requested.

Your complaint will be acknowledged, and you will be advised of a target date by which to expect a response. Initially your complaint will be re-considered by the official who dealt with your request for information. If, after careful consideration, that official decides that his/her decision was correct, your complaint will automatically be referred to a senior independent official who will conduct a further review. You will be advised of the outcome of your complaint and if a decision is taken to disclose information originally withheld this will be done as soon as possible.

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