



We care for the Chilterns

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HS2 (FOI Dept)  
by Email

**FOI-20-3931; COMPLAINT**

Dear HS2,

We are unhappy with your decision to refuse to release information we requested under regulation 12 (5)(g) –

*"[For] the protection of the environment to which the information relates."*

Our request relates to the woodland which previously surrounded the Grims Ditch ancient monument, and this environment *no longer exists* since HS2 contractors have felled all the trees, and removed the undergrowth. See <https://flic.kr/s/aHsmS8t2Yk> for confirmation of this statement. This being the case, any disclosure cannot result in any (further) harm. (We also note that regulation 12 makes no reference to species, protected or otherwise).

We would therefore request that you provide the information originally requested, with the understanding that Grims Ditch describes the (once) wooded area, as marked on Environmental Statement plan CT-05-034a (Map Book 9, Vol 2 - adjacent to the Cottage Farm accommodation bridge).

We would expect that personal data (names etc) in any reports would be redacted, to comply with regulation 13.

Regards,

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