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REQUEST FOR INFORMATION

Reference: FOI13-571

Dear Dr Fletcher,

I am writing regarding your request for information received 18th February 2013. Your request has been considered under the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) 2004.

In your email you requested the following information:

Please could you tell me the proposed lengths of the five porous portals in the Chilterns AONB?

If you do not know the exact lengths, please supply the approximate lengths of the five porous portals, giving the relevant range of lengths for each portal.

The porous portals are likely to be approximately 100m long.

Please tell me if the porous portals will be in addition to the tunnel lengths supplied in HS2 maps.

The current developed design show the following tunnel lengths compared with the post consultation route (PCR):

Chiltern tunnel

- PCR indicated tunnel length 13325m
- Current developed tunnel length 13470m, inclusive of porous portals

South Heath Green tunnel

- PCR indicated tunnel length 1100m
- Current developed tunnel length 1200m, inclusive of porous portals

Wendover Green tunnel

- PCR indicated tunnel length 1280m
- Current developed tunnel length 1280m, inclusive of porous portals



The incorporation of the portals within the tunnel lengths is controlled by both the adjacent ground profiles and existing features, and remains subject to more detailed development and refinement.

Please tell me which of the porous portals will be covered in earth and turf, and which will not be so covered i.e. bare concrete.

No decisions have yet been taken regarding covering porous portals.

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 at the above address. Please also see attached details of HS2 Ltd's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote reference number **FOI13-571** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely,

Josh Russell
Freedom of Information



Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 Ltd within two calendar months of the date of this letter 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
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