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Dear Dr Conboy

**FOI16-1464 – Response**

Thank you for your information request received via email on 4 January 2016. Your request has been considered under the *Environmental Information Regulations 2004* (EIR).

In your email dated 3 January 2016 you requested information in relation to HS2 Supplementary Environmental Statement (SES) 3 Junction assessments for Community Forum Areas (CFAs) 9 and 10.

I can confirm that we hold some information in relation to your requests and our responses are provided under each question below

- 1) **Could you clarify which years of HS2 construction traffic are represented in tables 7-51, 7-52 (CFA9), 7-70.1 (CFA10) in ES appendix TR-001-000 (Vol 5, traffic assessments)? ( These are the junctions of B485, A4128 and Rocky Lane with the A413, and the last 3 columns labelled 2021 with HS2 construction traffic; I recall that the HS2 construction traffic could be the peak level from compounds in years other than 2021 ? )**

The HS2 construction traffic represented in tables 7-51, 7-52 and 7-70.1 has not been derived from a particular forecast year. The construction traffic demand is a forecast scenario reflecting the average daily construction traffic in the peak month at the junction being assessed. The HS2 construction traffic has been assessed against an assumed forecast baseline of 2021 traffic levels across the whole route.

- 2) **In the document “Exhibit K Traffic and Highways” there is a histogram of construction traffic on Rocky Lane for the AP2 scheme – promoters exhibit P7596(1) ref HOC/10518/0014, showing a peak of over 400 HGVs/day for year 5 .**
  - a) **Can you send me similar histograms for Rocky Lane and the new Chilterns Portal Haul Road (as in table 7.52 mentioned above) for the AP4 scheme?**

Please see the attached histograms for Rocky Lane and the new Chilterns Portal Haul Road.

- b) **Can you produce the two tables ( 7-52, 7-70.1) for the peak months of HGV traffic , for project years 2 to 5 inclusive ?**

HS2 Ltd does not hold the AM and PM peak hour information for years 2 to 5 inclusive, equivalent to that shown in the two tables ( 7-52, 7-70.1) for the peak months of HGV traffic.

Please note that the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000 aim to ensure transparency of information held by public authorities. The regimes give an individual the right to access recorded information but do not require public authorities to generate information unless this is recorded information that the authority already holds.

Where we have stated that we do not hold the information we are relying on EIR exception 12(4)(a) which is subject to a public interest test. However, the Information Commissioner's Office recognises that it can be impossible to do a meaningful public interest test (PIT) if the information is not held. As such, a PIT has not been carried out. The following link sets out regulation 12(4)(a) in full: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2004/3391/regulation/12/made>.

## **Conclusion**

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 **FOI16-1464** in any future communication relating to this request.

Yours sincerely

**Jane Ivey**

Freedom of Information Manager  
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 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  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF