

**From:** XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
**To:** XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX  
**Date sent:** 15/03/2011  
**Subject:** RE: Your Freedom of Information Request, Ref: F0007451

Dear XXXXXXXXXXXXX

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I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 08 March 2011 concerning DfT's guidance to local councils/Highways Agency concerning the siting, commissioning, decommissioning and general operation of road traffic light signals.

Local traffic authorities are responsible for the placing and operation of traffic signals.

Traffic signals are one of many traffic management tools used by local authorities in the management of their traffic network to ensure expeditious movement of traffic, including pedestrian and cyclists, as required under the Traffic Management Act Network Management Duty.

The use of traffic light signals, in this country, is governed by The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002. This provides for their use at road junctions, at places where the headroom or width of the road is permanently restricted, or at places where pedestrians cross the road. Stand alone pedestrian crossings are governed by the Zebra, Pelican and Puffin Pedestrian Crossings Regulations and General Directions 1997.

The DfT provide's guidance to local highway authorities on the design and use of traffic signals and pedestrian crossings, which is available on the DfT's web site-relevant documents are highlighted below with appropriate links. Similarly, guidance on the trunk road network is contained in the Highways Agency's Design Manual for Roads and Bridges.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/tpm/tal/signsandsignals/tcbls/ralprinciplesoftrafficco4102.pdf>

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/tpm/tal/signsandsignals/tcbls/ralprinciplesoftrafficco4103.pdf>

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/tpm/tal/signsandsignals/tcbls/ralprinciplesoftrafficco4104.pdf>

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/tpm/tal/signsandsignals/tcbls/ralprinciplesoftrafficco4105.pdf>

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<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/tpm/ltnotes/ltn198installatin.pdf>  
<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/tpm/ltnotes/ltn109roundabouts.pdf>

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available on the DfT's web site using the links provided. If you do not have access to the Internet at home, you may be able to use facilities at your local public library.

I trust my response is helpful but if you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within two calendar months of the date of this letter by writing to me in reply to this email. Please see attached (below) details of the Department for Transport's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

If you have any queries about this response, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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### **Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain 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. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its FOI publication scheme.

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:

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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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