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Dear XXXXX,

FOI 7202

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 20 December 2011

I can confirm that Devon County Council first made contact with the Department about the signing of the residents permit parking area in St Matthews Close, Exeter on 21 April 2010 which was also the date on which they applied for the signs to be authorised.

I should point out that traffic signs may only lawfully be placed if they are prescribed by the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 (SI 2002/3113), or if they have been specifically authorised by the Secretary of State for Transport. We can not authorise traffic signs retrospectively.

As requested please see attached correspondence between Devon County Council and ourselves regarding these signs and the actual authorisation, sign drawings and site plan regarding St Matthews Close.

The names of external stakeholders and Departmental junior officials, that is staff below the senior civil service, have been withheld in reliance on the personal information exemption at section 40(2) and 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the full section 40 wording is at Annex A). These individuals have an expectation that their names will not be put into the public domain therefore it would be unfair for us to release them and would contravene the first data protection principle.

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

Yours sincerely,

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