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**Thameslink Rolling Stock Project**  
**Our ref: P0007893**

I am in receipt of your request for access to:

- a) The parts of the tender document(s) for this procurement that address the best value for money for taxpayers for the construction and supply of trains, apart from cost and the specification of the rolling stock. You suggested that these might include:
  - the location of research and development or manufacturing facilities for fulfilment of the contract;
  - the indirect costs to the UK economy of decisions on these locations;
  - the use of subcontractors for R&D, manufacturing or component supply;
  - the maintenance of a strategic capability in the UK for manufacturing of rolling stock.
- b) Documentation describing how these aspects of bids will be evaluated by the DfT.
- c) The OJEU announcement for this procurement.

1. The parts of the tender document(s) for this procurement that address the best value for money for taxpayers for the construction and supply of trains

Both bids were subject to a vigorous evaluation process. The detailed evaluation criteria against which bids for the Thameslink rolling stock contract were judged are specified in the Thameslink Rolling Stock Project Invitation to Tender dated 27 November 2008. This document, and the full evaluation criteria contained within, is available on the DfT website at <http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/+/http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/rail/pi/thameslinkrollingstock/itt/>.

The Department did not assess the bids beyond the evaluation performed against the published criteria.

2. Documentation describing how these aspects of bids will be evaluated by the DfT.

Details of the evaluation criteria, the weightings attached to the various criteria and the evaluation process are contained in Section 3 'Evaluation Process' and the referenced appendices of the aforementioned document.

3. The OJEU announcement for this procurement

The OJEU announcement for this procurement can be viewed on the Department's website at <http://www2.dft.gov.uk/pgr/rail/pi/thameslinkrollingstock/>.

Alternatively the same document may be viewed on the Official Journal of the European Union website at

<http://www.tendersdirect.co.uk/Search/Tenders/Expired.aspx?ID=%20000000002074943&sect=L003&cat=37&Source=Categories>.

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 the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

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Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

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

You have the right to complain 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. 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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