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**REF: F0008201**

**[sent via e-mail]**

17<sup>th</sup> October 2011

Dear XXXXX,

**DfT Research into the Use and Effectiveness of Maximum Parking Standards.**

Thank you for your information request of 22<sup>nd</sup> September. You requested information on the availability of DfT research on the impact of the parking on congestion and travel areas.

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information.

A copy of the information is enclosed and is available at:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/maximum-parking-standards/>

The Research Report into the Use and Effectiveness of Maximum Parking Standards Report was produced by Atkins during 2008. It reviewed research relating to maximum standards for non residential parking and investigated the effects of Planning Policy Guidance 13 (PPG13) on traffic levels and economic development.

A summary of the main conclusions has been available since June 2009 at:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/rmd/project.asp?intProjectID=12535>

Please note that the text of PPG13 that required maximum parking standards to be set for new residential developments and advised the use of parking charges to encourage the use of alternative transport modes, has been deleted.

In keeping with the spirit and effect of the Freedom of Information Act, all information is assumed to be releasable to the public unless exempt. A copy of this response and the information provided may now be published on our website together with any related information that will provide a key to its wider context.

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:

Zone D/04  
Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: [FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

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,

Peter Lee,  
Department for Transport

## **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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF