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Dear xx xxxxxxxx

## **FOI 7366**

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 8 February 2011.

I am pleased to attach the authorisation and site plan for the yellow box junction at the Chelsea Embankment junction with Royal Hospital Road. This was authorised on 4 October 2006 as part of a substantial batch of yellow box junctions in many locations across London. However, since some of the information you requested cannot be located I can neither confirm, nor deny whether any information is held

In my email of 1 March I said that the Department had refused 2 subsequent requests by Transport for London to amend the box junction. You asked for details of these refusals plus the site plans and the reasons for refusal. On further investigation I discovered that Transport for London had withdrawn their requests for authorisation in the light of a policy change by this Department. We did authorise a full box junction at this location in 2006 but we were no longer prepared to authorise full box junctions at a "T" junction when Transport for London reviewed their box junctions in 2007. Our reasoning was that we saw no traffic management benefit in the use of full box junctions at this type of junction. Nonetheless, those authorisations provided prior to this change of policy remain in force. We do not have any paper or electronic records regarding the layout of the proposed box junction in 2007.

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. The Department will, therefore, be simultaneously releasing to the public the information you requested, 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,

**Xxxx xxxxxx**

### **Your right to complain to [DfT/Agency] 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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Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
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