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Dear XXXXX,

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 8 February which has been dealt with under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

1. You asked for the weight of concrete and steel required to construct HS2.

The information the Department holds on this has been published and is contained in the Appraisal of Sustainability (AoS) (see section 8.3.17, main report volume 1). The AoS has been published as a supporting document to the public consultation which was launched by the Government on 28 February. The consultation document and supporting documents are available on the website <http://highspeedrail.gov.uk>.

2. You asked where this concrete and steel will be sourced. I have undertaken a search of the department's records and can confirm that no such information is held. However you may be interested in section 8.19.1, main report volume 1 of the AoS which talks about resource use.

3. You asked whether the DfT has taken into account the environmental impact of concrete and steel in its environmental impact calculations. An assessment of the carbon impacts of the proposed line has been carried out. The information the Department holds on this has also been published and is contained in the AoS Main report volume 1 and Appraisal of Sustainability Appendix 2 - Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

4. You asked how many lorry journeys will be required to transport the concrete and steel to the site of the proposed route. I have undertaken a search of the department's records and can confirm that no such information is held.

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 40 working days 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 further questions please contact XXXX in the DfT press office 020 7944 XXXX. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

**Xxx Xxx**

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

You have the right to complain within 40 working days 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 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  
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