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## **Freedom of Information Request – F0007835**

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2011. In your request you asked about the status of the A47 between the A5 and the A444, and whether it formed part of the Primary Route Network (PRN).

This stretch of the A47 originally formed part of the trunk road network, and at that time it appears to have formed part of the PRN. The road was detrunked in the late 1980s, meaning that it was transferred to local authority control. The council then requested that the route be de-primed.

As you have pointed out, there is a discrepancy between the situation on the ground and the maps that the Ordnance Survey (OS) has of the road. Unfortunately, this discrepancy extends to our own records, and we have conflicting indications of the classification. However, we agree with the council and with the Highways Agency that the road should not be recorded as part of the PRN. Thank you for bringing this to our attention, and I will get in touch with the OS to make sure their maps are brought up to date.

It is partly to prevent situations such as this that we are planning significant changes to the system around roads classification. You can read more about our proposals at <http://www.dft.gov.uk/consultations/dft-2011-02>, and in particular how we are reforming the reporting process so that there are clearer records and fewer chances for messages to go astray.

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.

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

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:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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