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Web Site: www.dft.gov.uk

Our Ref: F0008143

Date: 12th October 2011

Freedom of Information Request – F0008143

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested. On 26 September 2011 the Department received your original request, in which you asked:

Could you please tell me if the road designated as the A260 in Kent(or parts of it) are a designated Primary route.

If this is a designated Primary route then could you inform me of when the Secretary of state Authorised this designation. Could you also forward to me any note relating to how this decision was made.

Having consulted our records, I can confirm that the A260 is a Primary Route; although this is not reflected on all public maps. Road signs along the route are in the green-and-white of the Primary Route Network.

As the Primary Route Network dates to the 1960s, and as records for the whole period are separated across a number of archives, I am afraid that it is not possible to indicate when the designation was made. In any event, it is likely that any requests for change would have come from the local authority, and Kent County Council would be best placed to provide you with further information.

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

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,

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:

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