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Dear XXXXX,

Our Ref: F0007418

22 March 2011

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 24 February which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

You asked for any evidence the Department holds on in relation to the figure quoted in a Daily Telegraph article on high speed rail on 21 February that 'Ebbsfleet in Kent has ... seen up to 25,000 jobs created by its high-speed link to London.'

In fact, this figure, which is quoted in paragraph 1.77 of the Government's consultation document, *High Speed Rail: Investing in Britain's Future*, relates to expected future jobs growth from planned regeneration activities in the Ebbsfleet Area. The consultation document can be found on the high speed rail consultation website at <http://highspeedrail.gov.uk/>

Under section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. The figure quoted is from the Ebbsfleet Gateway partnership and further information can be found on the Ebbsfleet Gateway website <http://www.ebbsfleetgateway.com/ebbsfleet-valley/>.

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

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 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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