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## **FOI 7687 CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING THE SIGNING OF CREDITON MARKET SQUARE AND MARKET STREET**

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information which you requested on 6 May 2011.

You have asked for all correspondence since 1 January 2005 between the Department and Devon County Council regarding the traffic signs and lines in Market Square and Market Street, Crediton. I should first say that Devon County Council applied for Civil Parking Enforcement (CPE) powers in 2007 and were granted them by virtue of SI 2008/1051 which came into force on 5 May 2008 and is available at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk>. One of the conditions of granting these powers was that the Council should sign a declaration that it had reviewed all of its traffic signs, road marking and Traffic Regulation Orders and a copy of this signed declaration is enclosed.

Although your request has already been covered by the published response to an earlier Freedom of Information request, in view of the fact that not all of the supporting paperwork could be published due to its format, I am pleased to attach the correspondence, authorisation, site plans and sign drawings in respect of the loading bay sign and road marking as requested. A further superseding authorisation is also enclosed together with its associated correspondence. The redacted response to the earlier Freedom of Information request is included.

The names of external stakeholders and Departmental junior officials, that is staff below the senior civil service, have been withheld in reliance on the personal information exemption at section 40(2) and 40(3) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the full section 40 wording is at Annex A). These individuals have an expectation that their names will not be put into the public domain therefore it would be unfair for us to release them and would contravene the first data protection principle

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,

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### **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