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Dear Sir,

Thank you for your information request of 11 January 2012. You requested the following information:

Would you kindly provide a list of all the deferred English Road and Rail projects that are awaiting approval to proceed, or were deferred or abandoned in the recent SBR, with a value exceeding £5 million (five million pounds) that have a Benefit Cost Ratio in excess of the figure of 2 quoted for HS2.

Please indicate the project, cost and BCR figure. It would be helpful if the schedule were tabulated in ascending order of BCR.

Your request has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information and a copy of the information is enclosed in the format you requested.

You will note that the enclosed spreadsheet includes road projects but not rail. As part of the Spending Review 2010, the Department for Transport and HM Treasury decided not to seek to reopen Network Rail's current funding settlement which finishes in 2013-14, meaning that there were no changes to spending on rail projects.

Further information on local major transport schemes can be found on the Department for Transport's website: <http://www.dft.gov.uk/publications/local-major-transport-schemes/>

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/01
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,

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Email: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX
Tel: XXXXXXXX

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
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF