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Dear [Name removed under the Data Protection Act]

I am writing in response to the information which you requested on 16 March 2009 regarding the Highways Agency's programme off major schemes. The second part of your request relating to local authority schemes is being handled separately and you will receive a response from [Name removed under the Data Protection Act] in DfT's RLMP Division.

The first part of your question asks for the date and cost of schemes at programme entry. Costs have previously been reported in the report by the National Audit Office "Estimating and monitoring the costs of building roads in England", published in March 2007, and I am attaching a link to their website where you will be able to find a copy of this document.

http://www.nao.org.uk/publications/0607/dft_estimating_and_monitoring.aspx

This document did not include dates of programme entry so I am including this information in this response.

I am also attaching a link to a document entitled "Highways Agency Major Roads Programme: Updated Scheme Cost Estimates" which was published alongside the July 2008 Roads Command paper "Roads – Delivering choice and reliability". Range estimates for all schemes in the Development and Construction Phase at that time were published.

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/roads/introtoroads/roadcongestion/costestimates.pdf>

As you are probably aware, as a result of the Nichols Review in March 2007 of the Highways Agency's major roads programme, we have moved away from providing single point estimates at early stages of scheme development to giving range estimates which are reviewed at key stages as the scheme progresses through the Project Control Framework (PCF) lifecycle. This link gives further background on the process.

<http://highways.gov.uk/roads/19638.aspx>

The estimates provided in this response follow this process.

Annex A attached gives, for each scheme in the programme, the date of programme entry, the actual or expected start of work and road opening dates, the current cost range estimate (min and max) and the current stage of the scheme in terms of the PCF lifecycle. For schemes which have been in the Construction Phase for a long time, we

are giving the current forecast outturn cost. Schemes which have entered the Construction Phase since the introduction of the PCF we are reporting range estimates.

The tables include the latest estimated cost for schemes completed in 2008/2009. It should be noted that, in most cases, these schemes do not have final account closure and the final outturn cost may be slightly different from the cost quoted.

The tables include schemes in the Construction, Development and Options (Stage 2 (Options Selection) Phases of the PCF.

The programme of regional schemes listed in the tables which are not yet in the Construction Phase remain subject to prioritisation in the Regional Funding Allocation (RFA) process. We have recently received further advice from the Regions on their transport priorities to 2018/19. Ministers are now considering the advice and hope to be in a position to respond by the summer. Start of work and completion dates are those currently assumed in the range estimate but may not align with the latest prioritisation.

A new programme of national schemes was announced by the Secretary of State in January 2009 (Britain's Transport Infrastructure – Motorways and Major Trunk Roads) and this supersedes the 'Targeted Programme of Improvements' referred to in the earlier documents. Annex A includes the schemes expected to be started by 2015 within the funding of up to £6 billion previously announced by Ministers.

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Information Commissioner's Office
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SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours faithfully

Janet Wilkinson

Annex A – Highways Agency Major Projects Roads Programme

National Projects

National Project in the Options Phase

Project Name	PCF Phase	Programme Entry Date	Assumed Start of Works Date ¹	Assumed Completion Date	Range Minimum ²	Range Maximum
M20 J10A	Options	November 2003	2010/2011	2011/2012	62	94
M1 J10 to J13	Options	January 2009	2009/2010	2012/2013	326	503
M1 J28 to J31	Options	January 2009	2012/2013	2014/2015	247	417
M1 J32 to J35a	Options	January 2009	2010/2011	2012/2013	144	235
M1 J39 to J42	Options	January 2009	2012/2013	2014/2015	144	226
M3 J2 to J4a	Options	January 2009	2012/2013	2013/2014	162	276
M4 J3 to J12	Options	January 2009	2013/2014	2014/2015	443	762
M4 J19 to J20 & M5 J15 to J17	Options	January 2009	2009/2010	2012/2013	86	147
M6 J5 to J8 (Birmingham Box Phase 3)	Options	January 2009	2010/2011	2011/2012	116	202
M6 J10a to J13	Options	January 2009	2012/2013	2013/2014	186	316
M25 J23 to J27	Options	January 2009	2012/2013	2013/2014	241	411
M25 J5 to J7	Options	January 2009	2012/2013	2013/2014	162	271
M60 J8 to J12	Options	January 2009	2010/2011	2011/2012	81	128
M62 J18 to J20	Options	January 2009	2010/2011	2011/2012	84	137
M62 J25 to J30	Options	January 2009	2010/2011	2012/2013	151	262
M60 J12 to J15 (Lane Gain)	Options	January 2009	2010/2011	2011/2012	27	43

¹ The assumed start of works and completion dates represent the programme on which the estimates have been based, these do not necessarily reflect the current programme assumption on which the scheme is being progressed.

² The range estimates for projects in the Options Phase are at an early stage and will be reviewed as the project progress through the lifecycle. In addition the scope of the project is subject to further refinement/development which could result in a revised range estimate.

National Projects in the Development Phase

Project Name	PCF Phase	Programme Entry Date	Assumed Start of Works Date ³	Assumed Completion Date	Range Minimum	Range Maximum
A1 Leeming to Barton Improvement	Development	July 2002	2013/2014	2016/2017	292	392
M1 J19 / M6 Improvement	Development	February 2003	2011/2012	2014/2015	201	302
A14 Ellington to Fen Ditton	Development	April 2003	2010/2011	2014/2015	865	1211
M25 J16 - J23 Widening (Section 1)	Development	April 2004	2009/2010	2012/2013	580 ⁴	
M25 J27 - J30 Widening (Section 4)	Development	April 2004	2009/2010	2012/2013	369 ⁵	

³ The assumed start of works and completion dates represent the programme on which the estimates have been based, these do not necessarily reflect the current programme assumption on which the scheme is being progressed.

⁴ Direct Capital construction cost of widening this section of the M25, incorporated within the DBFO contract

⁵ As (4) above

National Projects Under Construction⁶

Project Name	PCF Phase	Programme Entry Date	Actual Start of Works Date	Planned Completion Date	Range Minimum	Range Maximum
A1 Dishforth to Leeming Improvement	Construction	July 2002	March 2009	2012/2013	314	340
A1 Bramham to Wetherby	Construction	July 2002	April 2007	2009/2010	71	
M40 J15 (Longbridge Roundabout)	Construction	July 2003	March 2008	2010/2011	69	
M1 J25 – J28 Widening	Construction	April 2004	October 2007	2010/2011	358	

⁶ Where a single figure is shown for the range minimum and maximum this reflects that the project entered construction prior to the Highways Agency introducing the new range estimating methodology.

National Projects Open for Traffic 2008/2009

Project Name	PCF Phase	Programme Entry Date	Start of Works Date (Actual)	Completion Date (Actual)	Outturn Estimate⁷
M25 J1b to J3 Widening (Section 3)	Operational	April 2004	June 2007	July 2008	59
A14 Haughley New St - Stowmarket	Operational	March 2001	June 2007	September 2008	35
M6 Carlisle to Guardsmill Extension	Operational	March 2000	July 2006	December 2008	118
M62 J6 Improvement	Operational	March 2001	April 2007	December 2008	37
M1 J6a to J10 Widening	Operational	July 2003	March 2006	December 2008	292
A5117 / A550 Deeside Park Junctions	Operational	February 2002	October 2006	March 2009	63

⁷ This represents the current forecast outturn for the projects under construction as at 31st March 2009, the figures provided here are subject to final account closure which may result in small variations in the future from that stated.

Regional Projects

Regional Project in the Options Phase

Project Name	PCF Phase	Programme Entry Date ⁸	Assumed Start of Works Date ⁹	Assumed Completion Date	Range Minimum ¹⁰	Range Maximum
A1/A19/A1068 Seaton Burn (Option 0)	Options	July 2003	2012/2013	2015/2016	60	90
A1/A19/A1068 Seaton Burn (Option 1)	Options	July 2003	2012/2013	2015/2016	24	40
A1/A19/A1068 Seaton Burn (Option 2)	Options	July 2003	2012/2013	2015/2016	41	64
A19/A184 Testos (Online Option)	Options	July 2003	2012/2013	2014/2015	45	63
A19/A184 Testos (Off-line At Grade)	Options	July 2003	2012/2013	2014/2015	51	70
A19/A184 Testos (Off-line Elevated)	Options	July 2003	2012/2013	2014/2015	72	91
A63 Castle St. (Overground Base Option)	Options	Pre Programme Entry	2014/2015	2016/2017	137	188
A63 Castle St. (Underground Base Option)	Options	Pre Programme Entry	2014/2015	2016/2017	126	185
A63 Castle St. (Overground Land Bridge Option)	Options	Pre Programme Entry	2014/2015	2017/2018	251	333
A63 Castle St. (Cut & Cover Tunnel)	Options	Pre Programme Entry	2014/2015	2020/2021	355	545
A63 Castle St. (Underground Land Bridge)	Options	Pre Programme Entry	2014/2015	2017/2018	263	346
A63 Castle St. (Long Viaduct)	Options	Pre Programme Entry	2014/2015	2018/2019	360	478

⁸ Under definitions set out in the Highways Agency PCF (Project Control Framework) projects are not formally entered into the roads programme until a project proceeds from the Options to Development Phase.

⁹ The assumed start of works and completion dates represent the programme on which the estimates have been based, these do not necessarily reflect the current programme assumption on which the scheme is being progressed.

¹⁰ The range estimates for projects in the Options Phase are at an early stage and will be reviewed as the project progress through the lifecycle. In addition the scope of the project is subject to further refinement/development which could result in a revised range estimate.

Regional Projects in the Development Phase

Project Name	PCF Phase	Programme Entry Date	Assumed Start of Works Date ¹¹	Assumed Completion Date	Range Minimum	Range Maximum
A11 Fiveways Thetford Improvement	Development	March 2000	2010/2011	2012/2013	106	147
A46 Newark Widmerpool Improvement	Development	March 2001	2009/2010	2011/2012	STC ¹²	
A47 Blofield to North Burlingham Dualling	Development	August 2002	2011/2012	2012/2013	38	52
A57 / A628 Mottram	Development	April 2003	2012/2013	2014/2015	223	315
A45 / A46 Tollbar End Improvement	Development	July 2003	2011/2012	2014/2015	109	150
A5 - M1 Link (Dunstable Northern Bypass) ¹³	Development	July 2003	2013/2014	2014/2015	160	218
A21 Tonbridge to Pembury Dualling	Development	July 2003	2012/2013	2014/2015	95	145
A21 Kippings Cross to Lamberhurst	Development	July 2003	2012/2013	2014/2015	97	144
A23 Handcross to Warninglid Widening	Development	May 2004	2011/2012	2012/2013	76	105
A453 Widening (M1 J24 to A52 Nottingham)	Development	May 2004	2010/2011	2012/2013	141	194
A556 Knutsford to Bowden Improvement	Development	December 2008	2012/2013	2015/2016	143	207

¹¹ The assumed start of works and completion dates represent the programme on which the estimates have been based, these do not necessarily reflect the current programme assumption on which the scheme is being progressed.

¹² The A46 Newark to Widmerpool project currently in the process of negotiating the target cost prior to seeking authority to commence construction.

¹³ The range estimate for the A5-M1 scheme is currently under review. The increase since the previous range was published reflects additional work associated with the new junction 11a on the M1 resulting from the proposed change in the M1 J10-13 scheme from a widening to a HSR scheme. The Agency is investigating opportunities for cost savings which may lead to a lower estimate in due course.

Regional Projects Under Construction¹⁴

Project Name	PCF Phase	Programme Entry Date	Actual Start of Works Date	Planned Completion Date	Range Minimum	Range Maximum
A3 Hindhead Improvement	Construction	March 2009	January 2007	2011/2012	372	
A1 Peterborough - Blyth GSJ	Construction	March 2001	September 2006	2009/2010	96	
A421 Bedford to M1 J13	Construction	July 2003	October 2008	2010/2011	201	231

¹⁴ Where a single figure is shown for the range minimum and maximum this reflects that the project entered construction prior to the Highways Agency introducing the range estimating methodology.

Regional Projects Open for Traffic in 2008/2009

Project Name	PCF Phase	Programme Entry Date	Start of Works Date (Actual)	Completion Date (Actual)	Outturn Estimate¹⁵
A2 Bean - Cobham Phase 2	Operational	July 1998	September 2006	February 2009	130
A27 Southerham to Beddingham	Operational	March 2004	October 2006	August 2008	35
A38 Dobwalls Bypass	Operational	March 2001	November 2006	December 2008	52
A419 Blunsdon Bypass	Operational	April 2002	September 2006	March 2009	66
A590 High and Low Newton Bypass	Operational	October 2003	August 2006	April 2008	36
A595 Parton - Lillyhall Improvement	Operational	March 2001	January 2007	December 2008	44
A66 Long Newton Junction	Operational	October 2002	February 2007	May 2008	12
A69 Haydon Bridge Bypass	Operational	December 2002	January 2007	March 2009	37
M27 J11 to J12 Climbing Lanes	Operational	March 2005	January 2008	September 2008	16
M27 J3 to J4 Widening	Operational	March 2005	February 2008	January 2009	32

¹⁵ This represents the current forecast outturn for the projects under construction as at 31st March 2009, the figures provided here are subject to final account closure which may result in small variations in the future from that stated.