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Dear

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Further to our letter dated 23 June from regarding your questions about roadside interview and ATC data, I am writing to advise you that we do hold information that is relevant to your first question, but regret to inform you of my decision not to disclose this information.

More specifically, the information you requested is being withheld in reliance on the exception in Regulation 12 (4) (e) of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004, because it is in the public interest that reports are withheld until such times Ministers have had the opportunity to consider the outcomes of the work and take a decision on how the scheme should be taken forward. Once a decision has been made this information will be publicly available. At the moment it is expected to be later this year.

The attached annex A to this letter sets out the exception and the reasons for withholding information. In applying this exception we have had to balance the public interest in withholding the information against the public interest in disclosure. The key public interest factors for and against disclosure are identified in the Annex.

If you are unhappy with the decisions made by us in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review. A leaflet detailing our internal review process is available. If you require a copy, please phone the Highways Agency Information Line on 08457 50 40 30; or e-mail ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.uk

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

With regards to the rest of your questions about the interpretation of the data, had hoped to receive an archived copy by now, but is having difficulty retrieving it. In the circumstances it may be beneficial for to meet up with you when he is in Essex and I would be grateful if you could contact him to arrange a mutually convenient time for you both. can be contacted in writing at the Highways Agency, Woodlands, Manton Lane, Bedford, MK41 7LW, by phone on 01234-796173 or by email: @highways.gsi.gov.uk.

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