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**NOD Central Business Team
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11th September 2008

Dear [Name removed under the Data Protection Act]

Thank you for your request for information by e-mail to DfT about the Regional and National Categorisation of the Trunk Road Network. Your request was received on 21st August 2008 and it has been passed to me to deal with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Under the Act, we are not required to provide information which is already reasonably accessible to you. This is to confirm my telephone conversation with you on Tuesday 9th September to discuss your enquiry. I informed you that the information was in the public domain and is available on the DfT website, and by searching the internet. I sent you an e-mail listing the details to enable you to follow the links easily, and I now confirm these details officially below.

The information you requested is available as follows for the routes you specified:

1) The AADT (Annual Average Daily Traffic)

3) Average % of HGV Traffic over the route

The DfT website www.dft.gov.uk holds information that includes the data that you request. The address <http://www.dft.gov.uk/matrix/Default.aspx> will take you directly to the area of the website which deals with Annual Average Daily Traffic Flows (AADF) and explains what is available, how to use the search facility and includes the Interactive Traffic Map. By interrogating this site you will find all the data you require to complete the calculations, from 1999 to the most recent data which is for 2007.

2) Whether the road links at least two of the top 20 English cities by population; or links one of the top 20 cities with an airport/seaport or Wales/Scotland.

Information about the top 20 cities by population is in the public domain, available on the internet on various websites - for example www.ukcities.co.uk. The map on the DfT website above will answer your questions on links with airport/seaport or Wales/Scotland.

4) If the route is part of the Trans-European Network

Information about the Trans-European Network is in the public domain, available on the internet - for example http://ec.europa.eu/ten/transport/maps/schema_en.htm will give you the page to select a map of the road network in the UK, and the home page will give you more background information.

If you are unhappy with the decisions made by us in relation to your request, you may ask for an internal review. You should contact me if you wish to complain. 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 Freedom of Information Complaints process can be found from the following link

<http://www.highways.gov.uk/foiresponses/8024.aspx>

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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