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Via email: XXX

22 September 2009

Dear XXX,

REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

FOI REQUEST FOI09/005

I am writing regarding your request for information received on 25 August 2009.

In your request you asked:

1. For information regarding the decision making processes in High Speed Two; and
2. A general list of stakeholders identified by High Speed Two as well as any information regarding participants of stakeholder meetings.

I confirm that High Speed Two (HS2) holds the requested information. Taking to each of your requests in turn:

1. Information regarding HS2's decision making processes is available via the HS2 website at the following link: www.hs2.org.uk. In particular, you can find information regarding HS2's remit, the HS2 Board and HS2's External Challenge Groups. Additional information is also available in the file: 'Transport Times – Alison Munro HS2', dated 25 March 2009. Please refer to slides 10 and 12 regarding the 'HS2 Company' and 'Work Structure'.
2. Please find attached a list of stakeholders that HS2 consults with as part of its work programme (accurate as at 14 September 2009). We advise, however, that we cannot disclose stakeholders' personal details.

Information in relation to personal data is withheld under the exemption in section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the "Act"). Section

40(2) of the Act is an absolute exemption. The attached Annex to this letter sets out the exemption in full.

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 we have handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request, you may complain by writing to HS2 at the above address. Please see attached details of HS2's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely,

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Your right to complain to HS2 Ltd and the Information Commissioner

You have the right to complain to HS2 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.

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

ANNEX

Section 40 Personal Information

- (1) Any information to which a request for information relates is exempt information if it constitutes personal data of which the applicant is the data subject.
- (2) Any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if—
 - (a) it constitutes personal data which do not fall within subsection (1), and
 - (b) either the first or the second condition below is satisfied.
- (3) The first condition is—
 - (a) in a case where the information falls within any of paragraphs (a) to (d) of the definition of “data” in section 1(1) of the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene—
 - (i) any of the data protection principles, or
 - (ii) section 10 of that Act (right to prevent processing likely to cause damage or distress), and
 - (b) in any other case, that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise than under this Act would contravene any of the data protection principles if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998 (which relate to manual data held by public authorities) were disregarded.
- (4) The second condition is that by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(c) of that Act (data subject’s right of access to personal data).
- (5) The duty to confirm or deny—
 - (a) does not arise in relation to information which is (or if it were held by the public authority would be) exempt information by virtue of subsection (1), and
 - (b) does not arise in relation to other information if or to the extent that either—
 - (i) the giving to a member of the public of the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) contravene any of the data protection principles or section 10 of the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998 or would do so if the exemptions in section 33A(1) of that Act were disregarded, or
 - (ii) by virtue of any provision of Part IV of the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998 the information is exempt from section 7(1)(a) of that Act (data subject’s right to be informed whether personal data being processed).
- (6) In determining for the purposes of this section whether anything done before 24th October 2007 would contravene any of the data protection principles, the exemptions in Part III of Schedule 8 to the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998 shall be disregarded.
- (7) In this section—
 - “the data protection principles” means the principles set out in Part I of Schedule 1 to the [1998 c. 29.] Data Protection Act 1998, as read subject to Part II of that Schedule and section 27(1) of that Act;
 - “data subject” has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of that Act;
 - “personal data” has the same meaning as in section 1(1) of that Act.



HS2 STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

GEOGRAPHICALLY FOCUSED

LONDON / HEATHROW STAKEHOLDER GROUP

- London Councils
- London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham
- London Borough of Camden
- London Borough of Hounslow
- London Borough of Ealing
- London Borough of Hillingdon
- London Borough of Slough
- Westminster City Council
- Government Office for London
- Greater London Authority
- South West Regional Development Agency
- London Development Agency
- South East England Development Agency
- London Chamber of Commerce and Industry
- Thames Valley Economic Partnership
- London First
- 2M
- Network Rail
- Transport for London, London Rail
- Crossrail
- BAA

WEST MIDLANDS STAKEHOLDER GROUP

- Government Office for the West Midlands
- Advantage West Midlands
- Centro
- Birmingham City Council
- Coventry City Council
- Wolverhampton City Council
- Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
- Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council
- Highways Agency
- Network Rail
- West Midlands Regional Assembly
- Birmingham Chamber of Commerce
- Black Country Chamber of Commerce
- Coventry & Warwickshire Chamber of Commerce



- West Midlands Business Council
- Birmingham Forward
- Confederation of British Industry's
- Warwickshire Council
- Worcestershire Council
- Staffordshire County Council
- Shropshire Council
- Telford Council
- Stoke Council
- Herefordshire Council
- Birmingham International Airport
- Cannock Chase District Council
- South Staffordshire District

LONG TERM STRATEGY – BEYOND THE WEST MIDLANDS

NORTHERN STAKEHOLDER GROUP

- Yorkshire Forward
- Northwest Regional Development Agency
- One North East
- The Northern Way
- Merseytravel (Liverpool)
- Liverpool City Council
- Lancashire City Council (Central Lancashire)
- GMPTE (Manchester)
- Manchester City Council
- Sheffield City Council
- South Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (Sheffield)
- Leeds City Council
- West Yorkshire Passenger Transport Executive (Leeds)
- Hull City Council (Hull & Humber)
- Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit
- Newcastle City Council (Tyne & Wear)
- Nexus (Tyne & Wear)
- Local Government Yorkshire & Humber
- Association of North East Councils
- The North West Regional Leaders Forum
- Confederation of British Industry's North West
- Confederation of British Industry's Yorkshire & Humber
- Confederation of British Industry's North East
- Chamber of Commerce Yorkshire & Humber
- Chamber of Commerce North East
- Chamber of Commerce Manchester
- Chamber of Commerce Liverpool



- Humber Economic Partnership Ltd
- Lancashire Economic Partnership
- Manchester Enterprises Group
- Merseyside Partnership
- Sheffield city Region
- Bridging Newcastle Gateshead
- Tees Valley Joint Strategy Unit
- Leeds City Region Partnership
- Government Office North East
- Government Office North West
- Government Office Yorkshire & Humber
- North West Business Leadership Team
- Hull & Humber Ports City Region Transport Board
- Community Rail Humber Board

SCOTTISH STAKEHOLDER GROUP

- Transport Scotland
- Scottish Government, SEA Gateway
- City of Edinburgh Council
- Glasgow City Council
- Edinburgh / Glasgow Collaboration
- Scottish Chambers of Commerce
- Strathclyde Partnership for Transport
- Nestrans
- Sustran
- Scottish Enterprise

LINE OF ROUTE STAKEHOLDER GROUPS

BUCKINGHAMSHIRE

- Buckinghamshire County Council
- Aylesbury Vale District Council
- Chiltern District Council
- South Buckinghamshire District Council
- Wycombe District Council
- Milton Keynes Council

STAFFORDSHIRE

- Staffordshire County Council
- Tamworth District Council
- Lichfield District Council

OXFORDSHIRE

- Oxfordshire County Council
- South Oxfordshire District Council
- Cherwell District Council
- Oxford City Council

CHILTERN

- Chilterns Conservation Board
- Chilterns Society
- National Trust

BEDFORDSHIRE

- Central Bedfordshire

HERTFORDSHIRE

- Hertfordshire County Council
- Three Rivers District Council
- Dacorum District Council
- Hertsmere Borough Council
- St Albans District Council
- Watford Borough Council

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE

- Northamptonshire County Council
- Daventry District Council
- South Northamptonshire District Council

WARWICKSHIRE

- Warwickshire County Council
- Warwick District Council
- Stratford-on-Avon District Council
- Rugby Borough Council
- Nuneaton & Bedworth Borough Council
- North Warwickshire Borough Council

WEST MIDLANDS

- Coventry City Council
- Birmingham City Council
- Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
- Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council

EALING

- London Borough of Ealing



HILLINGDON

- London Borough of Hillingdon

CAMDEN & ISLINGTON

- London Borough of Camden
- London Borough of Islington

HAMMERSMITH & FULHAM

- London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham

WESTMINSTER, RBKC, BRENT & HARROW

- Westminster City Council
- Royal Borough of Kensington & Chelsea
- London Borough of Brent
- London Borough of Harrow

BARNET

- London Borough of Barnet

REGIONS

GOVERNMENT OFFICES, REGIONAL ASSEMBLIES, LEADERS BOARDS & REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AGENCIES GROUP

- Government Office for West Midlands
- West Midlands Leaders Board
- Advantage West Midlands
- Government Office for the South East
- South East England Partnership Board
- South East England Development Agency
- Government Office for London
- Greater London Authority
- London Development Agency
- Government Office for the East of England
- East of England Regional Assembly
- East of England Regional Development Agency
- Government Office for the East Midlands
- East Midlands Regional Assembly
- East Midlands Development Agency
- South West Government Office
- South West Councils
- South West RDA
- Government Office Yorkshire and Humber
- Local Government Yorkshire and Humber



- Yorkshire Forward
- Government Office North East
- Association of North East Councils
- One North East
- Government Office North West
- The North West Regional Leaders Forum (4NW)
- North West Regional Development Agency
- The Northern Way

RAIL INDUSTRY

PASSENGER (ATOC) STAKEHOLDER GROUP

- Association of Train Operating Companies
- Arriva Trains
- Go Ahead
- Chiltern Railways
- Railway Industry Association
- Virgin
- First ScotRail Ltd
- Railway Forum

FREIGHT STAKEHOLDER GROUP

- DB Schenker
- Freightliner
- First Group
- Rail Freight Group
- Freight Transport Association
- British Nuclear Fuels Limited
- Department for Transport

BUSINESS & ENVIRONMENT

NATIONAL INTERESTS STAKEHOLDER GROUP

- Friends of the Earth
- Sustainable Development Commission
- Campaign for Better Transport
- The National Trust
- The Royal Society for the Protection of Birds
- The Wildlife Trusts
- Confederation of Passenger Transport
- Council for the Protection of Rural England
- Royal Commission on Environmental Pollution
- Greenpeace
- British Chambers of Commerce



- Confederation of British Industry
- Institute of Directors
- Local Government Association
- Chartered Institute of Logistics & Transport
- Town & Country planning Association
- Rail Passengers Council / Passenger Focus
- Trades Union Congress

APPRAISAL OF SUSTAINABILITY REFERENCE GROUP

- English Heritage
- Environment Agency
- Natural England
- Regional Director's Office (GOSE)
- Communities & Local Government
- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs
- Scottish Government
- Department for Culture, Media and Sport
- Department of Health
- Department for Energy and Climate
- Department for Transport