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## **REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000**

### **FOI REQUEST FOI09/006**

Dear XXX

I am writing regarding your request for information received on 17 September 2009.

In your request you asked:

1. For relevant information regarding any environmental audit scheme used by members of the External challenge group of HS2

I can advise that High Speed Two (HS2) has not produced an environmental audit scheme for use by any of HS2's External challenge groups.

Given your interest in HS2's environmental work, you might like to look at the specification for the Appraisal of Sustainability (AoS) for HS2, which is available on our website at:

[http://www.hs2.org.uk/uploads/folders/FOI09\\_004.pdf](http://www.hs2.org.uk/uploads/folders/FOI09_004.pdf). The results of this work will be included in HS2's report that will be submitted to Ministers at the end of the year.

You may also find HS2's regular newsletters helpful, including the most recent one which includes an update on our AoS work. Newsletters can be accessed on our website - [www.hs2.org.uk](http://www.hs2.org.uk).

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