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Network Rail Freedom of Information The Quadrant Elder Gate Milton Keynes MK9 1EN

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Dear Sarah

Reference number: 202300263

Thank you for your email of 6 November 2023 in which you asked that we provide the information identified in connection with your previous request (FOI202300138) concerning Old Oak Common.

I am considering your request under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).¹

Under regulation 7(1) of the EIR, a public authority can extend the period of 20 working days to 40 working days, if the

complexity and volume of the information requested means it is impracticable to make a decision within the earlier period.

¹ The EIR, like the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), allows people to access information held by public authorities like Network Rail. When people ask for environmental information, we need to consider the request under the EIR rather than the FOIA. In this case, 1 am of the view that the information in question

While I have been working towards providing a substantive response by today, it has become apparent that this is not possible. This is because we are still in discussions with our colleagues about the potential prejudice that might stem from releasing the information in question meaning that it is impracticable to provide a substantive response today.

1 will aim to reply to you by 8 January 2024 at the latest, but hopefully sooner than this.

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at <u>FOI@networkrail.co.uk</u>. Details of your appeal rights are below. **Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of** this letter in all future communications.

Yours sincerely

Jonathan Mantle FOI Manager

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Appeals team at Network Rail, Freedom of Information, The Quadrant, Elder Gate, Milton Keynes, MK9 1EN, or by email at

<u>ComplianceandAppealsFOI@networkrail.co.uk</u>. Your request must be submitted within 40 working days of receipt of this letter.

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 (ICO) can be contacted at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or you can contact the ICO through the 'Make a Complaint' section of their website on this link: https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/

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