



# Department for Transport

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Dear Mr McGoldrick,

Freedom of Information Act request – F0020462.

I write following your request of the 10 November 2021, under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (“FoIA”): “Can DfT provide any information it holds with the toll operator or anyone acting for them on possible changes to the tolling of Warburton Road Bridge”.

As set out in my response of 8 December 2021, we were reviewing 19 documents relevant to your request. Of these 6 were provided to you as part of my response on 8 December (Documents 2,12,13,14, 15 & 16).

We have reviewed the remaining 13 documents, which can be found in the attached Annex. Personal details have been redacted under section 40 of FoIA. Additionally, some of the information in the correspondence has been redacted under section 41 of FoIA, which applies to information provided in confidence. We have reached this conclusion because the information is confidential in nature; it was supplied to the Department in circumstances importing an obligation of confidence; its disclosure would cause detriment to the confider; and because a hypothetical legal claim by the confider against the Department for breach of confidence would be likely to succeed, as the public interest in disclosure is unlikely to override the public interest in preserving the principle of confidentiality. Section 41 is an absolute exemption.

## Appeals procedure

If you are dissatisfied with the way we have responded to or handled your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. These should be submitted within two calendar months of the date of this letter and addressed to the FOI Advice Team at [FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gov.uk](mailto:FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gov.uk).

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications. If you ask for an internal review and are still not content with the outcome, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via their online form: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/official-information-concerns-report/official-information-concern/>

Yours sincerely,

S. Shuster.

**Mr Stephen Shuster**

**List of documents attached with this response.**

Documents 2,12,13,14,15 & 16 were provided in my response of 8 December 21.

Document 1 – BDB Letter to DfT 9 November 2018 with information redacted.

Document 3 – DfT letter to BDB 26 February 2019 with information redacted.

Document 4 – email with agenda for meeting on 30 May 2019) – The attachment letter from the MMO has not been released due to section 41 of the FOI Act. The DfT attachment is document 3. To note there are no records of any notes/minutes of the meeting.

Document 5 – BDB letter to DfT 13 June 2019 with Information redacted.

Document 6 – DfT letter to BDB 20 August 2019 with information redacted.

Document 7 – BDB letter to DfT 2 July 2020 with information redacted.

Document 8 – Draft Order attached to letter of 2 July 2020. This whole Order is being withheld under section 41 of the FOI Act.

Document 9 – DfT letter to BDB 29 September 2021.

Document 10 – Draft Order comments attached with letter of 29 September 2021). This whole order is being withheld under Section 41 of the POI Act.

Document 11 - BDB letter to DfT 30 July 2021, with information redacted.

Document 17 – DfT letter to BDB 17 October 2021 (reply to Reply 5 draft).

Document 18 attachment draft order with letter of 17 October.

Document 19 attachment Explanatory Memorandum with letter of 17 October.