

# Department for **Transport**

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Dear Mr Brooks,

13 March 2012

I am writing to confirm that the Department has now completed its search for the information you requested on 11 January, which has been dealt with under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please accept my apologies for the delay in sending you this response. The high speed rail team is currently dealing with a high volume of requests.

You asked how many representations the Department (ministers or officials) had received from either 51m Group or the London Borough of Ealing in the four months prior to 11 January.

I can confirm that 6 representations in the form of letters to the Secretary of State were received from the 51m Group over that period.

My search has found no representations from the London Borough of Ealing. For information I carried out a search under the name of the council, under the name Cllr Julian Bell the leader and under the name Martin Smith the Chief Executive.

If you are unhappy with the way the Department has handled your request or with the decisions made in relation to your request you may complain within 40 working days of the date of this letter by writing to the Department's Information Rights Unit at:

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Ashdown House  
Sedlescombe Road North  
Hastings  
East Sussex TN37 7GA  
E-mail: [FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:FOI-Advice-Team-DFT@dft.gsi.gov.uk)

Please see attached details of DfT's complaints procedure and your right to complain to the Information Commissioner. 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,



**Elliot Fidler**

## **Your right to complain to DfT and the Information Commissioner**

You have the right to complain within 40 working days 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. In addition a complaint can be made that DfT has not complied with its publication scheme.

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

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