



13 January 2021

Dear [REDACTED]

Environmental Information Regulations Request

With reference to your request received on 15 December 2020 reference CA108 please find the response provided below. The request has been dealt with under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

Question:

Please let me have a copy of carbon emission data associated with the whole life cycle of materials, energy use and construction of the following roads:

- 1. Ely to Cambridge A10 Improvement (Dualling)*
- 2. Ely to Cambridge A10 Junction Improvements*

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This is sometimes referred to as “embodied carbon”.

For the avoidance of doubt this is not a request for carbon emissions data directly related to the use of the road by all kinds of vehicles over the 60 year assessment period.

Please let me know if these assessments of carbon were carried out following guidance contained in PAS2080 Carbon Management in Infrastructure and which organisation or consultancy /consultancies carried out the assessment.

<https://www.carbontrust.com/what-we-do/assurance-and-certification/pas-2080-carbon-management-in-infrastructure>

Answer:

A10 Dualling and A10 Junctions:

In relation to the A10 Dualling and A10 Junctions, the latest study (Strategic Outline Business Case) considered both schemes together within a corridor. The outputs of this were submitted to the Department for Transport (DfT) in July 2020, for consideration as additional information to the A10 Junctions Major Roads Network (MRN) and A10 Dualling Local Large Majors (LLM) applications of July 2019.

The Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority (CPCA) has assessed and published the Strategic Outline Business Case for the A10 Junctions and Dualling project earlier this year. It is on the CPCA website and can be found: [SOBC Board Papers 5/8/2020 \(cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk\)](https://www.cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/sobc-board-papers-5-8-2020)

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The environment section is covered in Appendix B and this includes assessment against the standard that you have referenced. The link below gives access to appendix B.

<https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/assets/A10-SOBC-Papers/Appendix-B-Environmental-Report/A10-Initial-Environmental-Report-rev-2.pdf>

I would draw your attention to section 3.2 Climate Pages 22 to 31 inclusive.

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This request has been considered and is refused. Regulation 12 (4) (d) of the 2004 Regulations allows public bodies to refuse to disclose environmental information to the extent that the request is to material which is still in the course of completion, to unfinished documents or to incomplete data.


This exception applies because at the time of your request and this response, the Strategic Outline Business Case for the scheme has not been completed and the information about embodied carbon is not yet available. The 2004 Regulations require the Authority to have regard to the presumption in favour of disclosure and to consider whether in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

The Combined Authority has considered the following public interest reasons in favour of disclosure: the general public interest in favour of openness all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exception outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information the information ss and transparency in relation to environmental information. .

Balanced against this are the following public interest reasons against disclosure: the environmental information is not yet complete but will be completed and published as part of the public agenda of a future meeting of the Authority's Transport & Infrastructure Committee. The current intention is to take a completed Strategic Outline Business Case, including the information you have requested about embodied carbon to the meeting of the Transport and Infrastructure Committee on 10 March 2021.

I hope this information is helpful but if you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request you have the right under Regulation 11 to make representations in relation to your request for environmental information if it appears to you that the authority has failed to comply with a requirement of these Regulations in relation to the request. If you wish to do so you should write to us via our contact us email address – contactus@cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk or write a letter to Complaints, Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority, the Mayor's Office, 72 Market Street, Ely, Cambs CB7 4LS within 40 working days of the date of this e-mail.

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, or via their website: <https://ico.org.uk/>



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Generally, the ICO will not undertake a review or make a decision on a request until the internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely



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