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Mr Andrew Martin

Our Reference: EIR2025/00139

Via email:

Dear Mr Martin

Environmental Information Regulations Request: EIR2025/00139

Thank you for your information request dated 26 January regarding Drainage from M6 North Warwickshire. We have dealt with your request under the provisions of the Environmental Information Regulations Act 2004.

This is because the information requested concerns measures and activities affecting or likely to affect elements of the environment or affect factors such as noise, pollution discharges and other releases into the environment.

Your Request:

1. What works have been carried out to reduce surface water runoff being discharged into the Bourne Brook and tributary water courses from the M6 adjacent to the B4102 Meriden /Fillongley road

2. Were any works proposed following the smart motorway works to reduce runoff? If so what are those works and have they been implemented?

3. Please provide evidence of the volume of water and rate of discharge of runoff for the last 12 months. Are these predicted to increase and, is so, for what reason.

I can confirm that we hold some of the information you have requested.

Our Response

1. What works have been carried out to reduce surface water runoff being discharged into the Bourne Brook and tributary water courses from the M6 adjacent to the B4102 Meriden /Fillongley road

With regards to this question we can confirm that as part of the M6 J2-4 smart motorway scheme the following drainage works were carried out:

- Upgrading existing drainage to accommodate the construction of Emergency Areas (additional paved areas).
- Re-profiling of ditches within the pipe network due to increased outfall requirements where attenuation was not within the original drainage network
- Clearing of drainage ditches where there was standing water in the M6 carriageway

For completeness, we provided the as built drawings of the drainage in this location. Please note that the document has been redacted under Regulation 13 of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

This potentially does not point to works that have been carried out reduce surface water runoff but they are the only works that have been carried out in this location and wanted to provide them for transparency

With regards to your questions

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3. Please provide evidence of the volume of water and rate of discharge of runoff for the last 12 months. Are these predicted to increase and, is so, for what reason.

We can confirm that no works are proposed and the volume of water and rate of discharge of runoff for the last 12 months is not held, and by virtue of this no information is held related to predicted increase.

Therefore this information falls under <u>Regulation 12(4)(a)</u> of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 for information not held, and have been refused as such.

If you are not satisfied with your response you may ask for an internal review within 40 working days of receiving the response, by replying to this email. You can learn more about the internal review process <u>here</u>.

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 <u>here</u> or via the address below –

Information Commissioner's Office Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire

SK9 5AF

Please remember to quote reference number **EIR2025/00139** in any future communications about this response.

Kind regards

Operations Midlands

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