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19 April 2007

Dear [Name removed under the Data Protection Act]

A421 IMPROVEMENTS M1 JUNCTION 13 TO BEDFORD BERRY FARM UNDERPASS

Thank you for your request under the Freedom of Information Act received on 29 March 2007 about the proposed A421 Berry Farm underpass near Stewartby and the Bedford to Milton Keynes Canal. In view that your request has been received during the objection period for the draft Orders it has been registered as a representation rather than as an objection. For information, the objection period ends on 21 June 2007.

The proposed Berry Farm underpass has been designed to accommodate a bridleway for led horses, pedestrians and cyclists and the dimensions have now been revised during the course of design to 3.4 metres wide by 2.85 metres high.

To accommodate the canal, should this be required, the proposed structure would have to be widened to 12.5 metres. This would provide a canal width of 6.5 metres, a tow path of 2 metres and a 4 metre bridleway and footpath.

The canal has no formal approval and the Highways Agency is not able to fund uncommitted infrastructure for other than highway requirements. The extra cost of funding the widening of a proposed structure has been confirmed in Balfour Beatty's letter dated 22 September 2006 to the British Waterways Board and copied to you, a copy of the letter is attached for your ease of reference.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact [Name removed under the Data Protection Act] the [Name removed under the Data Protection Act] at the above address or on [Number removed under the Data Protection Act]

Yours sincerely

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