

Your reference:- EXR 4.08 & EXR 7.04

Please quote this reference:- 2992
18th February, 2014

Highways Agency,
Historical Railways Estate,
Hudson House,
Toft Green,
York
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RAILWAY RECONSTRUCTION

Dear Sirs,

Freedom of Information Request

Please be good enough to release the following information:-

1. The amount of money spent on Perridge Tunnel (EXR 4.08) between 2000 (inclusive) and today.
2. The amount of money spent on Greenwall Lane Bridge (EXR 7.04) between 2000 (inclusive) and today.
3. The cost of the contract to demolish Greenwall Lane Bridge (EXR 7.04).

Items 1 & 2 should include the cost of all consultants and agents employed, tendered contracts, works by the framework contractor, site visits and travelling, and all other expenses incurred.

Yours faithfully,

C. Burges (Mr.)



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Our ref: CRS 704754
(EXR 4.08 & EXR 7.04)

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19 March 2014



Dear Mr Burges

Freedom of Information Act 2000

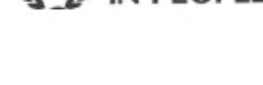
Thank you for your request to the Highways Agency Historical Railways Estate of 18 February 2014. I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information which you requested.

Firstly, I can confirm that responsibility for both Perridge Tunnel and Greenwall Lane Bridge transferred to the Secretary of State for Transport on 30th September 2013, following abolition of the British Rail Board (Residuary) Limited on that day.

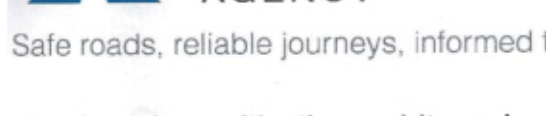
In researching the information which you have requested, the Highways Agency is reliant upon the records it inherited from the former British Rail Board (Residuary) Limited. I must point out that those records did not include details of any travel expenses incurred by their staff. As a result, our response comprises costs that were paid out to their supply chain, i.e. contactors, examiners and consultants. All of the figures quoted are net of VAT at the appropriate time when invoices were submitted.

I will provide a summary figure in each case in the manner laid out in your letter.

1. Perridge Tunnel - the total spend on this structure between 2000 (inclusive) to the current date is £221,015.72.
2. Greenwall Lane Bridge - the total spend on this structure between 2000 (inclusive) to the current date is £137,493.90.
3. The cost of the contract to demolish Greenwall Lane Bridge was £95,111.22.



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If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. The process is available at: <http://www.highways.gov.uk/foicomplaints>

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 Commissioner can be contacted at:

The Information Commissioners Office

Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me, quoting the reference number above in any communications.

Yours sincerely

Dave Parker
Team Leader

Your reference:- CRS 704754 (EXR 4.08 & EXR 7.04)

Please quote this reference:- 3014
24th March, 2014

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RAILWAY RECONSTRUCTION

For the attention of Dave Parker, Team Leader

Dear Mr. Parker,

Freedom of Information Act, 2000

Thank you for your letter of 19th inst.

The reason I requested the cost of the contract to demolish Greenwall Lane Bridge as a separate item was that I assumed the account would not have been settled. Please advise whether the total expenditure (Item 2 of your response) includes the cost of the recent contract (Item 3).

Your response is at variance with what I was told by the site engineer. He said that work above £100,000 had to be put out to tender and that his firm was awarded the contract on a bid of £150,000. I think he was subsequently ordered not to speak to me.

If you have constituent details of the totals in a ready form, I wonder if you could release them. I shall not trouble you with another formal request, but I would be interested to see how the money was spent.

Yours sincerely,

C. Burges



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Dear Mr Burges

Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your further letter dated 24th March 2014 in which you request further information about the demolition Greenwall Lane Bridge.

I can confirm that the latest total costs of the actual demolition contract are estimated at £95,111.22 as included in Item 3 of my letter dated 19th March 2014. The majority of the work is complete although there is still some work to be undertaken to reseed some of the area once the ground has settled. The cost of this seeding work is included in the above figure.

This demolition project was put out to competitive tender since the pre-tender estimate was above our threshold of £100,000.

The expenditure of £137,493.90 quoted under Item 2 of my letter dated 19th March 2014 does not include the above cost of the demolition.

I am sorry but we cannot release details about the constituent elements of the costs of the demolition due to issues in relation to commercial interests.

Yours sincerely

Dave Parker
Team Leader



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