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Dear Sir/Madam

Information request Reference number: FOI2017/00403

Thank you for your request of 26 March 2017. You requested the following information:

'Please can you:

- 1) Confirm if you own the bridge at the end of Manor Road, Ashford, Kent? (Approx. location Lat=51° 9'20.71"N, long= 0°51'32.69"E)
- 2) Heavy duty fencing was installed at the western end of this bridge replacing the previous 'lighter' fencing. Were Network Rail responsible for this?
- 3) If the answer to 2) is yes, please state how much this cost and if any thought was giving to opening access up from the west to pedestrians by linking it to Templar Way?'

You confirmed by email on 27 March 2017 that your request referred to Manor Way rather than Manor Road.

I have processed your request under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR) as the information requested is environmental according to the definition in regulation 2 of the EIR (section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) exempts environmental information from the FOIA, but requires us to consider it under the EIR).

In response to your questions:

1) Confirm if you own the bridge at the end of Manor Road, Ashford, Kent? (Approx. location Lat=51° 9'20.71"N, long= 0°51'32.69"E)

I confirm that Network Rail owns the bridge at the end of Manor Way, Ashford, Kent. The bridge is known as the Repton Farm overline bridge (bridge number 696).

2) Heavy duty fencing was installed at the western end of this bridge replacing the previous 'lighter' fencing. Were Network Rail responsible for this?

I have made enquiries with the relevant colleagues in Network Rail and have been unable to locate any recorded information about the heavy duty fencing installed at the western end of this bridge. I therefore confirm that we do not hold any recorded information for this part of your request.

3) If the answer to 2) is yes, please state how much this cost and if any thought was giving to opening access up from the west to pedestrians by linking it to Templar Way?'

In the light of the response to part 2, I confirm that we do not hold any recorded information for this part of your request.

If you have any enquiries about this response, please contact me in the first instance at FOI@networkrail.co.uk or on 01908 782405. Details of your appeal rights are below.

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Yours faithfully

Colin Bendall Information Officer

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