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Dear [REDACTED],

Information request

Reference number: FOI2018/00675

Thank you for your email of 31st May 2018. You requested the following information:

- '1. Which partner organisation(s) are responsible for disposal of the timber?*
- 2. Where has the felled timber been taken? Specifically, where is it now? How has it been disposed of?'*

I have processed your request under the terms of the Environmental Information Regulations (EIR). Information is exempt under section 39 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 if it meets the definition of environmental information found in Regulation 2 of the EIR. In this case we think the information in question is covered by Regulation 2(c) of the EIR.

I can confirm that we hold the information you requested.

In line with the Network Rail Vegetation Management Manual if cut wood material cannot be removed from site it is left as logs, windrowed (stacked branch material) or chipped. On a limited number of occasions in the past we have sent wood for paper pulp, biomass or for firewood (with a local agreement from landowners). For the majority of our vegetation works wood is not removed from site. When we employ a third party contractor to carry out vegetation works we would expect the third party to ensure the site is clear and tidy when the work has been completed. These contractors would be the same as the list provided in response to your request FOI201800518.

I hope you find this information useful. 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.

Please remember to quote the reference number at the top of this letter in all future communications.

Yours sincerely

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Information Officer

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