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Dear [REDACTED]

**Information request**

**Reference number:** FOI2017/01409

Thank you for your request of 29<sup>th</sup> November 2017. You requested the following information:

*Would you be able to disclose how much the London Bridge redevelopment was estimated to cost?*

*What the final cost of the project will be, and if exceeded budget, what issues have led to this?*

I have processed your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

I can confirm that we hold the information you requested.

The London Bridge redevelopment scheme, including Station Civils, Track and Signalling projects, is estimated to cost £1.7billion. The final cost of the project is expected to be £1.7billion with the station redevelopment due to be completed in Spring 2018.

The Thameslink Programme budget has increased overall by 9.4% from the original 2007 budget, of which 7.5% was attributable to the London Bridge redevelopment. The main driver for the budget change in 2015 was additional, unexpected major construction activities caused by existing arch structures which were not as envisaged from the available historic drawings. This led to re-design of some elements of the station and hence a prolongation of the detailed design. This flowed

through into the construction staging and the need to develop a mitigation strategy to maintain programme schedule.

The Thameslink Programme remains within the current authorised budget and further information about the programme and the London Bridge redevelopment scheme can be found on our website at <https://www.networkrail.co.uk/running-the-railway/our-routes/south-east/london-bridge-improvements/>.

Please note that all figures are in a 2017 price base using the ONS RPI figure for September. It may interest you to know that you are able to read the National Audit Office's report on the Thameslink Programme at <https://www.nao.org.uk/report/update-on-the-thameslink-programme/>.

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

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Yours sincerely

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