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Dear [REDACTED]

**Information request**

**Reference number:** FOI2018/00298

Thank you for your email of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2018, in which you requested the following information:

*I would like to obtain the following information regarding the Sheffield tram train, which you may hold.*

- (1.) The last estimated cost of the infrastructure enhancements being delivered by Network Rail and its contractors, broken down by location, and type of work.*
- (2.) Listing of significant changes to the scheme (i.e., incurring an expenditure in excess of £1 million), since Network Rail became involved.*
- (3.) Design and specification of the overhead line equipment (to be convertible from 750V dc to 25kV ac 50Hz).*

*In the event that Network Rail holds a large number of documents on these topics, please get in touch, so that the request can be clarified accordingly.*

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(1)(c) of the EIR. Please note 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 instead.

I can confirm that we hold some of the information you requested.

**(1.) The last estimated cost of the infrastructure enhancements being delivered by Network Rail and its contractors, broken down by location, and type of work.**

We do not hold the information requested as we do not breakdown our final estimate "by location, and type of work". This is because most of the work is done by our Principal Contractor and the estimate reflects the contract value plus other Network Rail costs.

To assist you, there is a high level breakdown that was provided to the National Audit Office in 2017:

- Network Rail Project Management Costs: £6.231m
- Network Rail Other Costs: £9.853m
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Contractors/Consultants: £54.438m
- TOC Compensation: £0.525m
- Contingency: £4.010m

**(2.) Listing of significant changes to the scheme (i.e. incurring an expenditure in excess of £1 million), since Network Rail became involved.**

EIR regulation 5(1) states that a public authority has a duty to make available environmental information on request. In this instance we can fulfil this duty by confirming that a detailed explanation of Network Rail's cost increases can be found in Part Two of the National Audit Office Report "[The Sheffield to Rotherham tram-train project: investigation into the modification of the national rail network, HC 238](#)".

For assistance, I have also attached a copy of the report.

**(3.) Design and specification of the overhead line equipment (to be convertible from 750V dc to 25kV ac 50Hz).**

Please find attached an extract of section 4 of the Tram Train 750V d.c. System Description Manual. This covers the description of the system and discusses future conversion.

I hope this response proves useful to you but if you have any enquiries, 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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