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Dear,

I am writing in response to your enquiry under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) reference FOI/17/12/06.

You requested the following information, please also see our response below:

It is my understanding that the NHS looks to local planning authorities to take into account A&E access when considering changes and improvements to transport infrastructure. Therefore, please could you send me copies of all communications (meeting notes, emails and other correspondence) between the South East Coast Ambulance Service (SECAM) and Guildford Borough Council which relate to the infrastructure changes proposed in the emerging and submission drafts of the Guildford Local Plan Local Plan. In particular, I would like to see all communications related to the Blackwell Farm development and its associated infrastructure changes on the west of Guildford - the proposed new "western link" from the A31 to Egerton Road, and the proposed upgrade to the Egerton Road roundabout.

Please could I also see all communication on these new infrastructure proposals between SECAM and the Royal Surrey County Hospital, and between SECAM and Surrey County Council. The reason for my request is that this area of Guildford is already heavily congested at peak hours and I am concerned that some of the changes proposed in Guildford's draft Local Plan might impede ambulances accessing the A&E unit at the Royal Surrey County Hospital and result in delays to emergency patients receiving care. I want to know the extent to which GBC has engaged with the ambulance service and to see whether it has taken views expressed by SECAM into account.

There has been no communication between SECAMB and Guildford Borough Council, Royal Surrey County Hospital or Guildford Borough Council regarding new infrastructure.

If for any reason you are dissatisfied with our response, kindly in the first instance contact Caroline Smart, Information Governance Manager via the following email address:

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Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Coordinator
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