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Dear Mr Steel

Information Request - 18211030 - HS2B - Arrangements for monitoring/enforcing detailed implementation/construction requirements

I am responding to your request for information, which has been considered under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FoIA) and logged as case 18211030.

Your request is as follows:

In that context, the Parish Council requests your confirmation of the funding that you have applied for from HS2, or any funding that has been agreed, to underpin the monitoring and enforcement of the relevant HS2 Act requirements. The Parish Council is obviously concerned to be assured that your Council will have sufficient resource to carry out these functions efficiently and effectively.

I can confirm Cheshire East Council holds the information you have requested.

Of the HS2 Scheme directly impacting Cheshire East only Phase 2a has received Royal Assent and become an Act of Parliament. The Council is able to recharge to HS2 for the officer time and resources required to undertake its roles as Local Planning Authority, Local Highway Authority and as a Qualifying Authority under the Act. This extends to any consultancy costs required to supplement existing resources in order to undertake this role effectively.

Between February 2021, when the Phase 2a Hybrid Bill received Royal Assent, and January 2022, the costs to the Council of undertaking its role amounted to £7,860.85 (excluding VAT) which the Council is seeking approval from HS2 for reimbursement. Costs from February 2022 to date are currently being compiled.

I hope this information is useful. Please quote the reference number 18211030 in any future communications.

An anonymised copy of this response may be published in the Council's Disclosure Log, which is available online at the following address: www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/foi

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of your request or if you are not happy with the way your request has been handled, you can request an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within 20 working days of our response by emailing foi@cheshireeast.gov.uk or in writing to the Information Rights Team, Cheshire East Council, 1st Floor, Westfields, c/o Municipal Buildings, Earle Street, Crewe, CW1 2BJ.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <https://ico.org.uk>; Tel: 0303 123 1113; or Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. The Information Commissioner will not normally investigate your case until the Council's internal review process has been completed.

Yours sincerely

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