

# Freedom of Information Act / Environmental Information Regulations Request

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Response: 1 May 2025

## Question 1 - Request for access to the full traffic management and diversion plans

I confirm that Essex County Council does hold the information you have requested, but cannot provide this to you. The information has been withheld due to an exception in the Environmental Information Regulations.

The exception applicable to the information is:

**EIR Regulation 12 (4) (d) – Information in the course of completion, unfinished documents and incomplete data.**

### **Public Interest Considerations Favouring Disclosure:**

Informing public debate

### **Public Interest Considerations Not Favouring Disclosure:**

Accuracy of Information

Consultation with 3<sup>rd</sup> Parties

### **Public Interest Balancing Test:**

Although we acknowledge there would be some public interest in providing the information in draft format and this would inform public debate the traffic management and diversion plans have not yet been finalised and are therefore currently subject to alterations. Releasing draft plans could lead to misleading information being released in the public domain, prior to any amendments being made to the finalised documents. We are still consulting with the developer and their chosen traffic management company. Once finalised the traffic management and diversion plans will be published online on our website in the documents section at the bottom of the page - [www.essexhighways.org/westcombe-park-development-heybridge-maldon](http://www.essexhighways.org/westcombe-park-development-heybridge-maldon). Please note that the documents section has been cleared of old documents relating to works on Maypole Road and therefore does not currently appear on the page.

It is our opinion that the balance of the public interest test favours maintaining the exception and this information should not be disclosed.

Therefore, we will not be complying with this part of your request. In accordance with the Environmental Information Regulations, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of this part of your request.



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**Question 2 - Emergency services access and response strategy, and risk assessment documentation**

The Traffic Regulation Order has no provision for emergency services access as during the road closure there will be no road space available for emergency vehicles.

Risk assessment documentation has not yet been received. All works on the highway should be carried out following the guidance in the **Safety at street works and road works**, which is available online <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/safety-at-street-works-and-road-works>.

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