

Public Interest Test

Request for the cost incurred so far: Lower Thames Crossing 4) contracts signed between contractors and the contracting authority.	
Environmental Information Regulations 2004 exception Regulation 12(4)(b)	
Factors supporting disclosure	Factors supporting non-disclosure
<p>There is a clear public interest in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The data being used to inform public debate and enable effective public participation in environmental decision making.• National Highways being transparent about and accountable for, the way in which public money has been used to undertake works and uphold standards. National Highways' commitment to the environment.	<p>It is not in the public interest for National Highways to disclose the requested information because:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The information requested is for over 300 contracts and would incur excessive staff costs and represent a significant diversion of public resources.• Complying with the request would create a burden and place a strain on resources, and adversely impact our ability to respond to other requests.
Conclusion: there are compelling arguments which support withholding the information which outweigh those supporting release.	
Date of PIT: 25 April 2025	