

8 March 2024

Dear

Complaint in respect of ATISN – 20080 - PAJ/Phil Jones Consultancy Fees

Thank you for your message dated 13 February 2024 asking us to review our response to the above request.

The Information you requested was:

- How much money PJA/Phil Jones was paid to lead and implement the new 20mph default speed limit?
- How much PJA/Phil Jones is being paid to now review his own findings?

Our response was:

Phil Jones Associates have been paid £75,000 for consultancy work on the 20mph policy over 3 years. A further £7,000 has been budgeted for Phil Jones to be a member of the review team.

In your message to us you challenged the figures provided to you claiming that the £75,000 must be false, and that, in your view, the figure should be higher.

I can confirm that I have undertaken an independent review on the FOI request ATISN 20080. I can also confirm that the original reply and information provided is correct.

I base my conclusions and findings on the following:-

I have sought evidence from our SAP finance system of payments to Phil Jones/PJA and this returned a payment of £29,999 paid each year for 2021/22, 2022/23 and 2023/24. The information sent in the original return was exclusive of VAT whereas these figures these figures are inclusive of VAT. These figures are therefore in agreement and the amount paid is £75,000 + VAT, which is £90,000 inclusive of VAT.

The £7,000 figure given to you in answer to your second question is a budget estimate, I have no reason to dispute this estimated amount based on the funding paid each year to date. However, should you require a confirmed amount of spend made, we could offer this information at the end of this or next financial year when the work has been concluded and payments have been made.

If you remain dissatisfied with this response you also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Tel: 01625 545 745
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: casework@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Also, if you think that there has been maladministration in dealing with your request, you have the option to make a complaint to the Public Services Ombudsman for Wales who can be contacted at:

Public Services Ombudsman for Wales
1 Ffordd yr Hen Gae
Pencoed
Bridgend
CF35 5LJ

Telephone: 0845 6010987 (local rate)
Email: ask@ombudsman-wales.org.uk

Yours Sincerely

Head of Operations