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Dear [REDACTED]

Freedom of Information Act

Thank you for your email into dated 19 February 2025 for which we gave the case reference number: [REDACTED]. Your email has been handled as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 ("**FOIA**").

Your email outlined the following request ("**your Request**"):

"I hope this email finds you well. I am writing to submit a formal request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. I kindly request the following details:

- 1. What are the biggest challenges your organisation currently faces in surveying and geospatial activity?*
- 2. Are you confident in your full knowledge of the condition and knowledge of your impact on our local environment?*
- 3. What are your organisation's key strategic objectives for the next 12-24 months, and how does surveying and geospatial fit into these?*
- 4. Please detail any planned development of sites or assets*
- 5. Do you have a supplier for drainage mapping and surveying?*
- 6. If so, please can you supply details of the contractual arrangements in place including date of award, details of any Framework used or link to the advertisement, contract value and duration*
- 7. If not, please can you indicate what evaluation of the requirement for surveying and geospatial works have been undertaken?*

8. Please share your planned procurement pipeline for surveying and geospatial works for the next 12 months

9. How do you engage with potential new suppliers—through open tenders, direct engagement, or supplier days?

10. Please can you confirm the individual responsible for managing your surveying and geospatial contracts or wider development contracts and provide their contact details and role title?

11. Please provide a list of frameworks that you procure related services through

12. Do you plan to repurpose any sites for renewable energy or solar farms?

13. Do you have any issues with subsidence in your properties? If so, where?

14. When developing/purchasing/selling a site, how do you verify that the boundaries are correct?

If any part of this request requires clarification or falls outside your scope, please let me know at your earliest convenience. If any exemptions apply, I kindly ask that you provide an explanation along with any relevant exemptions cited.

Should you require any further details to process this request, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for your time and assistance. I look forward to your response.”

Response

“1. What are the biggest challenges your organisation currently faces in surveying and geospatial activity?

None. We do not do this type of work.

2. Are you confident in your full knowledge of the condition and knowledge of your impact on our local environment?

Our environmental impact is detailed here on pages 23 and 24. [Human Tissue Authority: annual report and accounts 2023 to 2024](https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/669a221c49b9c0597fdb0023/human-tissue-authority-annual-report-2023-2024-web-accessible.pdf)
(<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/669a221c49b9c0597fdb0023/human-tissue-authority-annual-report-2023-2024-web-accessible.pdf>)

3. What are your organisation’s key strategic objectives for the next 12-24 months, and how does surveying and geospatial fit into these?

Our strategy is published here: [HTA strategy 2024 to 2027 | Human Tissue Authority](https://www.hta.gov.uk/about-the-HTA/corporate-publications/business-plan-and-strategy/hta-strategy-2024-2027)
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Surveying and geospatial is not relevant to our strategy.

4. Please detail any planned development of sites or assets

None. We do not do this type of work.

5. Do you have a supplier for drainage mapping and surveying?

None. We do not do this type of work.

6. If so, please can you supply details of the contractual arrangements in place including date of award, details of any Framework used or link to the advertisement, contract value and duration

None. We do not do this type of work.

7. If not, please can you indicate what evaluation of the requirement for surveying and geospatial works have been undertaken?

None. We do not do this type of work.

8. Please share your planned procurement pipeline for surveying and geospatial works for the next 12 months

None. We do not do this type of work.

9. How do you engage with potential new suppliers—through open tenders, direct engagement, or supplier days?

The HTA conducts very little procurement, but when necessary will engage with suppliers through open tenders.

10. Please can you confirm the individual responsible for managing your surveying and geospatial contracts or wider development contracts and provide their contact details and role title?

N/A. We do not do this type of work.

11. Please provide a list of frameworks that you procure related services through.

The HTA use the Crown Commercial Service and G-Cloud frameworks where applicable

12. Do you plan to repurpose any sites for renewable energy or solar farms?

N/A. We do not do this type of work.

13. Do you have any issues with subsidence in your properties? If so, where?

None. We do not own any properties.

14. When developing/purchasing/selling a site, how do you verify that the boundaries

are correct?

N/A. We do not do this type of work.”

Further information

We hope you found the above response to your Request clear and helpful. If you are unhappy with the way the HTA has handled your request for information in this case, or if you disagree with how we have interpreted FOIA in answering your Request, you may in the first instance ask us for an internal review by writing to us at the above postal or email address, within two months of this reply, specifying that you would like an Internal Review to be carried out.

Any internal review of the HTA’s handling of your information request will be reassessed by staff who were not involved in providing you with this response.

Please remember to quote the case reference number above in any future communications.

If you remain dissatisfied after this internal review, you have the right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision, at the address below. There is no charge for making an appeal.

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Yours sincerely,

