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Dear Mr Burrow

Thank you for your request for information concerning “.....secured funding for a road in the Balsall Common area of the Solihull Borough either for a bypass or as a road to open up land for new housing.”

No funding has been secured for development in the Balsall Common area of the Solihull Borough by the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA).

Balsall Common was suggested by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council as a “growth area” in the WMCA’s original submission to the Government’s Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) in 2017.

In March 2018, £250 million from the Housing Infrastructure Fund was approved in principle for the West Midlands.

£165 million of this was formally confirmed for the regeneration of Perry Barr, Birmingham, including the Athlete’s Village for the Commonwealth Games in March 2019.

A full business case for the outstanding £85 million was been submitted to Government in March 2019. However, the Balsall Common “growth area” element of the original proposal has been withdrawn and is not included in this full business case submission.

Therefore, no funding has been secured for development in the Balsall Common area of the Solihull Borough by the WMCA.

Please note the WMCA is only able to provide information relevant to us, and in our possession. Solihull Council Metropolitan Council may hold their own information on this matter, which you could request from them.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which we have handled your request, you have the right to ask us to review it. You should make your request for a review within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will provide our review within 20 working days of receipt

If, following review, you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request you have the right under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision.

Generally, the Information Commissioner cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our review procedure. You can contact the information Commissioner at:

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

Yours sincerely