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XXXXXX - by E mail

Date: 26th August 2021

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2021 / 694

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24th August 2021 concerning Storefront Crashes.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Your request for information has now been considered and – having consulted both our Justice Traffic & Finance Teams - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote (and our Response) :

- Total number of storefront crashes between August 1st 2020 - August 1st 2021.
For your information, a storefront crash would be defined as a recorded crash or RTC between a vehicle and a commercial property, or a building used for business purposes.

4 storefront crashes during the period requested

- The road names or postcodes of the before mentioned storefront crashes during the same time period.

New Road, Chippenham
London Road, Amesbury
Prestbury Drive, Warminster
West Street, Wilton

SN15 1EL
SP4 7EQ
BA12 9LB
SP2 0DF

Shop front
Gates
Shop front
Corner of store



INVESTOR IN PEOPLE

- The total number of temporary or permanent barriers put in place to reduce the number storefront crashes and the total cost of these over the last 5 years (August 1st 2016 - August 1st 2021) and whether or not these barriers were PAS 68 or IWA 14 crash tested.

No Information Held – see note below

- Total planned spend on measures to protect storefronts following the Government's launch of a public consultation named the 'Protect Duty'. This consultation considers how legislation might be used to enhance the protection of publicly accessible locations across the UK from terrorist attacks and ensure organisational preparedness. (Source: <https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/protect-duty>)

No Information Held – see note below

- Whether these measures will be temporary or permanent, and if you are able to answer at this stage if these barriers will be PAS 68 or IWA 14 crash tested.

No Information Held – see note below

Please Note:

When an Authority provides a “No Information Held” response there is no legal obligation on that Authority to provide an explanation.

That said, under our Section 16 obligation to be as helpful as possible to an applicant, please note the following :-

- a) Our Finance Team have confirmed that we hold no records in respect of the purchase of temporary or permanent barriers to reduce storefront crashes over the last 5 years.**
- b) Our Finance Team have confirmed that we currently have nothing provided for in our budgets in respect of the purchase of such barriers in forthcoming years.**
- c) It is likely that the responsibility of installing protective barriers of this kind would fall on either the local Local Council (Traffic / Highways Department) and/or the owners of the shops concerned, rather than being the responsibility of Wiltshire Police.**
- d) In the first instance we would suggest you submit similar requests to Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council directly, to see if they have any information to provide in respect of this.**

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me and been considered in the light of your request within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.

Wiltshire Police would like to thank you for the interest that you have shown in the Force.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Penny
Disclosure Decision Maker

Wiltshire Police offers a re-examination of your case under its review procedure.



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Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Wiltshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing to the:

Force Disclosure Unit
Wiltshire Police Headquarters,
London Road, Devizes,
Wiltshire,
SN10 2DN

Email at disclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk.

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Force Disclosure Unit within 20 working days of the Force's response to the original Fol request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing to include confirmation of the reasons for the review. The review will be conducted by another Decision Maker, who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Force Disclosure Unit will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The Independent Decision Maker will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Decision Maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following details:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Tel: 01625 545 700
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