



Force Disclosure Unit
Police Headquarters
London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 11th November 2022

Ref: FOI 2022/846

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25th October 2022 concerning fleet vehicles.

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.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within the Fleet Department of Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

You wrote:

Please can you provide the information on your current vehicle fleet to include:

- The make and model of vehicles (BMW X5)
- Vehicle registrations
- Station that the vehicle is associated
- Division to which the vehicle is attached to (e.g firearms)

Our response:

The majority of the information requested is exempt under:

Section 31(1) – Law Enforcement

Section 31(1) is a prejudice based and qualified exemption, therefore the harm (prejudice) in disclosure should be evidenced and the public interest given. Please see the harm and public interest tests below.

Overall Harm:

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Although every effort should be made to release information under the Freedom of Information Act, to disclose locations the vehicle is associated, the division the vehicle is attached to, registration plates and call signs of overt and further similar information relating to covert vehicles used by Wiltshire Police would prejudice future law enforcement tactics and our ability to effectively and efficiently prevent and detect crime and bring offenders to justice. Although there is public interest in the transparency of policing, this is countered by the need to protect any future law enforcement conducted by Wiltshire Police.

To disclose the requested information, this could go some way to demonstrate operational capability and lead to locations being targeted. This can be a highly contentious and emotive subject and it is important that any disclosure under FOI does nothing to endanger members of the public or our frontline officers.

Criminals would be able to identify which force areas are less resourced and use this knowledge to their own advantage in furthering criminal activity. Disclosure of information which is likely to undermine the ability of the Police to serve the public in preventing and detecting crime can only be considered as being harmful to the public.

Furthermore, there is a very strong public interest in safeguarding the integrity of police law enforcement tactics and the ability to police effectively. This, in-turn, would reassure the public that the police are highly secure and would not disclose any information to the world, not just the requester, which may jeopardise law enforcement.

Public Interest Considerations

Factors Favouring Disclosure:

The disclosure of this information would lead to a better-informed public and promote trust by demonstrating openness, transparency and accountability. In addition, the public are entitled to know how public funds are being spent.

Factors Against Disclosure:

Disclosing this information would provide to the world, not just the requester, covert and sensitive information surrounding Wiltshire Police's fleet and its capability. This would place our law enforcement and investigative ability into jeopardy and by providing covert information into the public domain would undermine the very purpose of them.

By providing the vehicles location of where it is based and the division it is linked to, regardless of whether the vehicle is used in an overt or covert capacity, would enable criminals to identify areas of the force that may be less resourced and use this knowledge to further their criminal activity in targeted areas. This would undoubtedly undermine the force's ability to serve the public in preventing and detecting crime.

Furthermore, disclosing this information into the public domain would highlight that Wiltshire Police does not take the security and integrity of law enforcement seriously, which would cause a large drop in confidence. This would allow criminals to be able to counter and avoid detection, which would lead to more victims being repeatedly targeted.

Balance Test:

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The above points highlight both the merits and issues with disclosing in full the requested information in relation to your Freedom of Information request. Overall, the Police service is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. Because of this, Wiltshire Police will not divulge any information if to do so would prejudice our law enforcement capabilities and in turn lead to more victims of crime and offenders not being brought to justice. The public interest is very largely in favour of non-disclosure in full to ensure the capability of law enforcement of Wiltshire Police.

This would only be overridden in exceptional circumstances, which this Freedom of Information request is not.

However, we have provided you with the rest of the information (makes and models of vehicles used in an overt capacity) in which an exemption has not been applied:

Make	Model
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	VITO
FORD	TRANSIT
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
FORD	TRANSIT
VOLKSWAGEN	CADDY
PEUGEOT	EXPERT
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	MONDEO
FORD	TRANSIT
MAN	TGM
VAUXHALL	ANTARA
FORD	KUGA

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FORD	RANGER
FORD	RANGER
LANDROVER	DEFENDER
SKODA	YETI
FORD	KUGA
FORD	KUGA
FORD	KUGA
FORD	KUGA
FORD	KUGA
FORD	KUGA
SKODA	KODIAQ
SKODA	KODIAQ
VAUXHALL	ANTARA
VAUXHALL	ANTARA
VAUXHALL	ANTARA
FORD	KUGA
FORD	RANGER
FORD	RANGER
SKODA	YETI
SKODA	YETI
FORD	KUGA
FORD	RANGER
FORD	KUGA
SKODA	KODIAQ
LANDROVER	DISCOVERY
BMW	X5
BMW	X5
LANDROVER	DISCOVERY
HONDA	CRV
FORD	RANGER
SKODA	KODIAQ
FORD	KUGA
BMW	X5
BMW	X5
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VOLVO	V70
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA
SKODA	OCTAVIA
SKODA	OCTAVIA
SKODA	OCTAVIA
VOLVO	V70
HONDA	ACCORD
YAMAHA	FJR
BMW	R1250
BMW	R1250
BMW	R1200
BMW	R1200
YAMAHA	FJR
BMW	R1200

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MERCEDES	VITO
MERCEDES	VITO
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
PEUGEOT	BOXER
VAUXHALL	VIVARO
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
FORD	TRANSIT
VAUXHALL	MOVANO
FORD	TRANSIT
VAUXHALL	VIVARO
VAUXHALL	VIVARO
VAUXHALL	VIVARO
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VAUXHALL	VIVARO
MERCEDES	VITO
VAUXHALL	VIVARO
VAUXHALL	VIVARO
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
IVECO	DAILY
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
IVECO	DAILY
IVECO	DAILY
IVECO	DAILY
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
IVECO	DAILY
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
IVECO	DAILY
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
IVECO	DAILY
IVECO	DAILY
IVECO	DAILY
VAUXHALL	ASTRA

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VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
HONDA	CIVIC
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
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VAUXHALL	ASTRA
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SKODA	RAPID
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
FORD	FOCUS
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
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VAUXHALL	ASTRA
BMW	330
BMW	530
BMW	530
BMW	530
BMW	530
BMW	530
BMW	530
BMW	530
BMW	530
BMW	530
BMW	330
BMW	530

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BMW	330
BMW	330
LANDROVER	RANGEROVER
SKODA	YETI
FORD	KUGA
BMW	X5
HONDA	CRV
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
AUDI	A4
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
BMW	I3
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
SKODA	RAPID
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
HONDA	CIVIC
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
SKODA	OCTAVIA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
FORD	FIESTA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA
VAUXHALL	CORSA

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VAUXHALL	CORSA
HONDA	CIVIC
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
PEUGEOT	308
VAUXHALL	MERIVA
FORD	MONDEO
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
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VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
SKODA	RAPID
VAUXHALL	CORSA
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FORD	S MAX
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
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VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA
VOLVO	V70
VOLVO	V70
BMW	530
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
SKODA	KODIAQ
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
HONDA	CIVIC
SKODA	OCTAVIA
CITROEN	C4
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA

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VAUXHALL	CORSA
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VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
BMW	I3
BMW	I3
BMW	I3
BMW	I3
SKODA	FABIA
SKODA	OCTAVIA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
FORD	GALAXY
HONDA	CIVIC
SKODA	OCTAVIA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VOLKSWAGEN	PASSAT
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA
FORD	GALAXY
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
BMW	I3
HONDA	CIVIC
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VAUXHALL	CORSA
HONDA	CIVIC
SKODA	OCTAVIA
SKODA	OCTAVIA
BMW	530
BMW	330
VOLVO	V70

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BMW	530
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
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VAUXHALL	CORSA
BMW	I3
VAUXHALL	INSIGNIA
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HONDA	ACCORD
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
VAUXHALL	CORSA
HONDA	CIVIC
AUDI	A4
BMW	530
BMW	530
BMW	530
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
VOLKSWAGEN	TRANSPORTER
FORD	CONNECT
VAUXHALL	VIVARO
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	VITO
FORD	CONNECT
FORD	CONNECT
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
VAUXHALL	VIVARO
VAUXHALL	VIVARO
MERCEDES	SPRINTER
LANDROVER	DISCOVERY
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
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VAUXHALL	ASTRA
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BMW	I3
BMW	I3
BMW	330
SKODA	OCTAVIA
FORD	CONNECT
FORD	CONNECT
FORD	CONNECT
BMW	I3
FORD	KUGA
BMW	R1250
VAUXHALL	ASTRA
SKODA	OCTAVIA

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Wiltshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemption applicable to the information requested is:

Section 31(1) – Law Enforcement

In accordance with Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for this particular request.

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,

Force 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.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 FOI 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.

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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:

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