



Via email



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Date: 29/12/2022

Our ref: FOI 2022/946

Reply contact name is:

Dear

I write in connection with your request for information dated 29/11/2022 concerning the redundant Engine Shed site adjacent to Lower Road/Cherry Orchard Lane/Churchfields Road, Salisbury.

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, research was conducted by the PCC's office at Wiltshire Police.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

The PCC is currently looking at alternative sites for a new Salisbury Police Station.

In an article in the online version of the Salisbury Journal published on the 8th November, the following quote appeared:

'PCC Philip Wilkinson says the site has already been considered. "We have looked at the Engine Sheds site in the past and the cost to decontaminate the site, so it would be suitable for a police station, meant it would make the project prohibitive" '

In the light of this statement please advise when investigations to assess the cost of decontamination were carried out and by whom, what the investigations revealed and what was the estimated cost of remediation. As this site was proposed by the PCC to Wiltshire Council for a custody suite in 2014 (see extract from the Briefing Paper below) please ensure that a response includes any work carried out at that time in relation to the suitability of this site as well.

Please also reveal relevant sections of PCC minutes of meetings held in which the question of decontamination of this site have been discussed both recently and historically.



.....3. Performance and Other Local Issues

.....I look forward to introducing Supt Armstrong and my replacement, Inspector Dave Minty, to you in due course. We remain on course for the decommissioning of Wilton Road. The movement of our teams is scheduled throughout the month of June. As previously discussed, neighbourhood, public facing front counter and investigation will be located at Bourne Hill; response operating out of police estate at Amesbury. New build custody will commence at the old engine shed site currently accessed via Cherry Orchard Lane Salisbury. Those sites will be clearly signposted as police stations and police custody unit respectively. Specific public briefing around these arrangements will take place at City Hall on 19th May by Wiltshire Police; The Police & Crime Commissioner; Wiltshire Council and University Technical College.....

Andrew Noble
Inspector
Salisbury & Southern Wiltshire Community Areas

Response

Please see the response from the PCC's office as follows:

- **The Engine Shed is not owned by Wiltshire Police.**
- **Wiltshire Police are aware that contamination exists on the site however they do not know the extent of this nor the cost to resolve. Public funds would not be used to undertake this work in a speculative manner.**
- **Wiltshire Council has not proactively offered the site to the PCC in a state fit for development.**
- **Due to the length of time since the previous work we do not have historic detail surrounding what investigatory work was undertaken nor the cost identified. Since 2014 statutory requirements have changed and with inflation any costs provided then could not be relied on.**

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.

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
Fax: 01625 524 510
Email: mail@ico.gsi.gov.uk

Please note that the ICO's offices will be closed for the foreseeable future and are therefore unable to receive correspondence via post.

If you should wish you contact them, please visit <https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/>