

**Force Disclosure Unit**

Wiltshire Police HQ

London Road

Devizes

Wiltshire

SN10 2DN

Tel 101 ext 62005

www.wiltshire.police.ukdisclosure@wiltshire.pnn.police.uk

XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 19th May 2023

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2023 / 394

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 4th April 2023 concerning Vehicular Obstruction of the Highway.

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 our Justice Traffic Team - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information:

For the time periods :-

1st Jan 2021 – 31st Dec 2021

1st Jan 2022 – 31st Dec 2022

Please can you give me the date, time and location of any of the following parking offences :-

Offence Code HY80020 Wilful obstruction of a highway

Offence Code RC86405 Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area

Please provide the information in the form of a written email response, word or excel document.

If it is not possible to provide all the information requested, please provide as much as available, e.g. most recent data or at least one of the points.



Our response:

Our Justice Traffic Team have undertaken searches of our system(s) to review offences recorded under the codes you have requested. The results found are as follows :-

Offence Code HY80020

2021 No Offences
2022 No Offences

Offence Code RC86405

2021 2 Offences :-

16/07/2021 at 1415 – Headlands Grove, Swindon
23/02/2021 at 0000 – Estcourt Road, Salisbury

2022 No Offences

Please Note

The issue of penalty notices/parking tickets is generally not a police matter and would normally be the responsibility of highways / council to progress.

Wiltshire Police will only issue tickets for offences that meet either of the following criteria :-
Offence Code HY80020 Wilful obstruction of a highway
Offence Code RC86405 Cause unnecessary obstruction by motor vehicle / trailer outside of the Greater London area.

Wiltshire Police can also decide to report a violator directly to Magistrates if they see fit but this only happens in very exceptional circumstances. Individuals would then be issued with a summons to attend Court.

All other tickets issued for parking violations are issued by Local Councils – Wiltshire Police do not have details of any tickets issued by Wiltshire Council. Under our section 16 obligation to be as helpful as possible to an applicant, we would suggest you submit similar FOI requests directly to both Wiltshire Council and Swindon Borough Council for this information.

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.



Force Disclosure Unit

Wiltshire Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire SN10 2DN
Telephone 101 ext 62005

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 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