



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

Date: 16th January 2024

Ref: FOI 2023/1192

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 14th December 2024 concerning Police buildings.

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 after having consulted our Facilities department – I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

I would like to request the following information;

1. The location of all buildings currently owned or occupied by your organisation.

Our response:

Please see the list below of properties that Wiltshire Police own or occupy that operate in an overt capacity –

Alderbury Police Station Grimstead Road Whaddon Salisbury SP5 3EX Police Owned	Amesbury Police Station Salisbury Road Amesbury SP4 7HQ Police Owned	Bradford-on-Avon Police Station Station Approach Bradford-on-Avon BA15 1DF Leased
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Calne Police Station Silver Street Calne SN11 0JF Police Owned	Devizes Police Station New Park Street Devizes SN10 1DZ Police Owned	Devizes HQ Police Headquarters London Road Devizes SN10 2DN Police Owned
Highworth Police Station Newburgh Place Highworth Swindon SN6 7DN Police owned but in the process of being sold	Malmesbury Police Station Burton Hill Malmesbury SN16 0EE Police owned but in the process of being sold	Marlborough Police Station George Lane Marlborough SN8 4DB Police owned but in the process of being sold
Marlborough Corner House George Lane Car Park Marlborough SN8 4BY Leased	Melksham Police Station Hampton Park West Melksham SN12 6QQ Police Owned	Mere Police Station White Road Mere Warminster BA12 6EX Leased
Royal Wootton Bassett Police Station Lime Kiln Wootton Bassett Swindon SN4 7JJ Police Owned	Police Houses Wilton Road Salisbury Police Owned	Swindon Gable Cross Police Station Shrivenham Road South Marston Swindon SN3 4RB PFI building
Swindon North Police Point Asda Walmart Supercentre Thamesdown Drive Swindon SN2 4BG Leased	Swindon West Police Point West Swindon District Centre Swindon SN5 7DL Leased	Tidworth Police Station Pennings Road Tidworth SP9 7LG Police Owned
Trowbridge Police Station Polebarn Road Trowbridge BA14 7EP Police Owned	Warminster – The Avenue Former College The Avenue Warminster BA12 9AA	Bourne Hill The Council House Bourne Hill Salisbury SP1 3UZ

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	Police Owned	Leased
Monkton Park Council Offices Monkton Park Chippenham SN15 1ER Leased		

With regards to the location(s) of all building(s) currently owned and/or occupied by the organisation that operate in a covert capacity – this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 31(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Section 31 is a prejudice-based qualified exemption and therefore, it requires a public interest test to be conducted establishing the harm, which can be found below:

Public Interest Test – Section 31:

Overall Harm

To disclose this information in full would undermine the core principles of policing which are to prevent and detect crime. If the location(s) of all building(s) currently owned and/or occupied by the organisation were to be released into the public domain, particularly those location(s) of a covert/sensitive nature – substantial harm would be caused as this would reveal tactical capability and lead to exploitation of potential vulnerabilities.

Factors favouring disclosure

Disclosing the location(s) of Police-owned and/or occupied premises that are of a covert/sensitive nature will ensure that the force is being open, transparent and can be held accountable for its decisions. The disclosure of this information may also provide the public with insight into how and where budgets are being spent, prompting discussion surrounding the funding of public services.

Factors favouring non-disclosure

If the location(s) of all building(s) currently owned and/or occupied by the organisation that are of a covert/sensitive nature were to be released into the public domain, this would undoubtedly hinder the prevention and detection of crime and compromise law enforcement. Those intent on committing crime will gain valuable knowledge that they could then use to their advantage to deliberately disrupt law enforcement activities, by planning their activities more strategically, which would – as a consequence, both lessen their chances of detection and improve their ability to evade capture. Inevitably, this would then place the public at more risk and fear of crime being committed and trust in the Police service would subsequently lessen as a result.

Balance Test

The Police service will not divulge any information that will result in the safety of an individual being at risk or lead to the key law enforcement principles being undermined. Whilst it is in

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the public interest for the force to be transparent, I do not believe that this, coupled with the need for accountability – outweighs the necessity for these location(s) to remain confidential. If the location(s) of all building(s) currently owned and/or occupied by the organisation that are of a covert/sensitive nature were compromised, this would undermine Wiltshire Police's ability to prevent and detect crime, putting the public at large at risk.

As a result, the balance of public interest lies in favour of withholding this information.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Constabulary, when refusing to provide 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. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemptions applied:

Section 31(1) – Law Enforcement

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:

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