

WILTSHIRE POLICE



Via Email



Police Headquarters

London Road
DEVIZES
Wiltshire
SN10 2DN

Date: 07/04/2025

Our ref: FOI 2024/1024

Reply contact name:

Dear,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/11/2024 concerning motor vehicles owned by the force.

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 I am able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

1. How many motor vehicles are owned by the force as of November 2024
2. How many electric vehicles (including hybrid) are owned by the force as of November 2024
3. The manufacturer name of electric vehicles bought by the force up to November 2024
4. How much has the force spent on electric vehicles up to November 2024
5. What are electric vehicles used in the force
6. How many electric vehicles does the force plan to purchase in the five-year period to March 2030
7. What budget has the force allocated to purchase electric vehicles every year up to March 2030

Response:

Q1: 598 this is made of working core fleet, waiting for sale or disposal, new vehicles in build.

Q2:

Full electric - 18

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Hybrid - 38

Mild hybrid – 11

Q3:

Vauxhall for full electric.

Toyota for Hybrid.

Volvo, BMW, Audi Mild Hybrid

Q4:

10x BMW i3 - £17k each

15x CorsaE - £23K each

Total = £515K

Please note: These are rounded up to include additional extras that were not on the original quote.

Q5:

Full electric – Pool and back office non-response roles

Hybrid – Response vehicles.

Mild Hybrid – Traffic, Armed response, and specialist roles

Q6:

Moving to alternative fuels will depend on technology advances and what the manufacturers are producing.

Q7:

No set budget as this will depend on the changing technologies and vehicles availability.

Exemption covers use of vehicles for covert purposes:

Factors favouring complying with Section 1(1)(a) confirming that any other information is held

Complying with Section 1(1)(a) would enhance the public's knowledge about how Wiltshire Police is keeping up with environmentally friendly advances and would offer greater transparency on the subject matter.

Additionally, the public has a right to know that the Wiltshire Police focuses its attention and responsibility to ensuring the vehicles owned by the force are suitable for the needs of the force, the local environment and the needs of the communities we serve.

Factors against complying with Section 1(1)(a) neither confirming nor denying that information is held

To confirm whether or not any other information is held would compromise any ongoing criminal investigations/operations by revealing where there is current law enforcement activity and intelligence. This in turn would compromise Wiltshire Police's ability and that of our partners to engage with each other in confidence. Confirmation or denial that any other information is held would assist offenders currently engaged in criminal activity of the vehicles that we may use in covert operations as the level of activity by the force in this area will be realised. This would affect the force's future law enforcement capabilities.

Balancing Test

The Police Service is tasked with the delivery of effective law enforcement ensuring the detection and prevention of crime. It is our belief that, irrespective of whether or not any other information is held, what is important is the ability to ensure investigations run smoothly and that liaison between other law enforcement agencies has the ability to be undertaken with the utmost integrity. To reveal information which could highlight the operational activity would not be in the public interest.

No inference can be drawn from this response as to the existence or not of any other information.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Wiltshire Police, 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 30 – Investigations

Section 31 - Law Enforcement

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

Yours sincerely

Force Disclosure Decision Maker

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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



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

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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/>