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XXXXXX – by E Mail

Date: 18th February 2026

Your ref: FOI

Our ref: FOI 2026 / 204

Reply contact name is: Nick Penny

Dear XXXXXX,

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17th February 2026 concerning Public Order Consultation.

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 undertaken searches of our systems - I am now able to respond as follows.

You wrote:

Please consider this information a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

The following questions are in relation to this passage, from the Draft Explanatory Memorandum that accompanies the draft statutory instrument 'The Public Order Act 2023 (Interference With Use or Operation of Key National Infrastructure) Regulations 2025.

“Consultation for the option of amending Section 7 has taken place informally via engagement with key stakeholders, including the National Police Chiefs’ Council, the National Police Coordination Centre, and local police forces who regularly police protest activity targeting the Life Sciences sector. Stakeholders were clear that existing powers did not go far enough to tackle the behaviour threatening the viability of the sector to continue to operate in the UK. The option to amend Section 7 of the Public Order Act 2023 was the key outcome of the engagement. The affected parties are clear that once this amendment comes into force, it will have a positive operational impact. Consultation for this amendment took place informally due to the urgency of the threat to the Life Sciences sector as a result of disruptive protest activity.”

Was the force part of the above consultation?

If so, who was the force's representative?



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Our response:

No information held.

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.



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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:

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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