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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 2023.1201

On 15/12/2023 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request the following information;1. The location of all buildings currently owned or occupied by your organisation.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 s1, I can confirm that Gloucestershire Constabulary holds some relevant information.

Details of Police locations where there is a public-facing desk are available on the "Your area" section of the Gloucestershire Constabulary website where you can access the full address for the following:

Cheltenham Police Station
Cirencester Police Station
Coleford Police Station
Gloucester Police Station
Stow on the Wold Police Station
Stroud Police Station
Tewkesbury Police Station (Borough Council Offices)

Please see the table below for the details of all other overt police buildings.

Location	Address
Bamfurlong Operations Centre	Bamfurlong Operations Centre Bamfurlong Lane Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL51 6ST
Barton Street	223 Barton Street Gloucester Gloucestershire GL1 4JB

Compass House	Edison Close Quedgeley Gloucester, GL2 2AE
Dursley	Sandpits Dursley Gloucestershire GL11 5QE
Gloucestershire Constabulary Police Headquarters	Waterwells Drive Quedgeley Gloucester GL2 2AN
GTEC Gloucestershire Emergency Services Centre Waterwells	Waterwells Drive Waterwells Business Park Quedgeley, Gloucester GL2 2BP
Holland House, Cheltenham	63 Lansdown Road Cheltenham Gloucestershire GL51 6QH
Hucclecote	58 Hucclecote Road Hucclecote Gloucestershire GL3 3RT
Lydney	High Street Lydney GL15 5DX
Prism House	Davy Way Quedgeley Gloucester GL2 4AD
Quedgeley (Gloucester South)	St. James Quedgeley Gloucestershire GL2 4WD
The Sabrina Centre	B12 Gloucestershire Science and Technology Park Berkeley GL13 9FB
Tri-Service Workshops	Baird Drive Quedgeley Gloucester GL2 2AF
Wheatstone House	18 Wheatstone Court Quedgeley Gloucester GL2 2AQ

With regard to the disclosure of sites that are not signposted as a police facility, the following exemption applies:

Section 31(1)(a)(b) – Law Enforcement

The exemption above is qualified and prejudice based therefore both a Public Interest Test and Harm Test are required.

Harm

Disclosure of full information on police buildings and facilities, such as a location, could be of intelligence value to a person or persons with criminal or malicious intent. Full disclosure could provide and enable targeted malicious actions, such as some form of attack on an operational unit for example, where strengths and weakness may be perceived (whether incorrectly or not).

Additionally, law enforcement tactics and operational capability would be compromised with the disclosure of all facility details, such as that relating to unmarked buildings, as those who wish to commit criminal acts will be more aware of locations that may belong to the force in a covert or sensitive role and assist with preventing and detecting crime.

Such a disclosure would allow those with criminal intent the ability to build up a mosaic picture of force capabilities and resources and use this information to undermine law enforcement. This places the community at increased unnecessary risk of harm and

impacts on police resources if additional resources and tactics need to be put in place to counter any harm caused by an adverse FOIA disclosure.

Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure

There is a legitimate public interest in the public being satisfied that the police force has an adequate number of buildings and facilities, such as public counters and police points, to deliver services to the public when required.

Factors favouring non-disclosure

The Police Service has a duty to deliver effective law enforcement ensuring that the prevention and detection of crime, apprehension or prosecution of offenders and administration of justice is carried out appropriately.

Disclosing information that would allow the identification of all occupied locations may reveal what resources are available for a given area, and this information could enable police strength to be determined and circumvented by those intent on committing crime. The release of this information could therefore provide a tactical advantage to offenders which would negatively impact on public safety and undermine the policing purpose.

Disclosing the details of covert or sensitive sites would provide sufficient information to those involved in criminal activity of the capabilities available to the force when carrying out covert activities in certain areas. This could result in them taking steps to evade detection and to destroy evidence if they believe that their movements are being monitored. This could also lead to buildings, vehicles and officers being identified which would render their covert capabilities useless.

Balance Test

It is not in the public interest for law enforcement tactics and operational capability to be compromised with the disclosure of details of covert or sensitive sites utilised by the force, as those who wish to commit criminal acts will be more aware of the locations in operation to assist with preventing and detecting crime.

Such a disclosure that would allow those with criminal intent the ability to build up a mosaic picture of force capabilities and resources which could be used to undermine law enforcement. This would not be in the public interest.

Disclosure is also not in the public interest as it places the community at increased unnecessary risk of harm and impacts on police resources. This is especially the case if additional tactics/resources need to be put in place to counter harm caused by an adverse FOIA request regarding police vehicles.

If you are not satisfied with this response or any actions taken in dealing with your request, you have the right to ask that we review your case under our internal procedure. Please note that a request for an internal review must be made within 20 working days of the response to your original request.

If you decide to request that such a review is undertaken and following this process you are still unsatisfied, you then have the right to direct your complaint to the Information Commissioner for consideration.

The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following means:

Website - <https://ico.org.uk/>

Call their helpline - 0303 123 1113

Email - casework@ico.org.uk

Post –

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
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Yours sincerely,

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