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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_25_1137

On 24/11/2025 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to make a request about electric vehicle charging points under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please can you tell me for the calendar year to date how many incidents of a) theft and b) vandalism have been reported at EV charging points in your force area. Please specify if private (at someone's home) or public charging points.

Please provide the same information for 2024 and 2023. It seems to be that most thefts are of cables but please do not limit the search to that criteria.

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

Unfortunately, there is no way to retrieve the information you requested by way of electronic searches. It isn't possible to search the Constabulary databases for the general term 'electric vehicle charging points' within the Constabulary's region. The only way of trying to determine whether any relevant information is held and to retrieve that information would be to manually review each crime during the timeframe you provided. This would obviously take far longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information Act. Please see below for suggestions on how you may be able to refine your request to come within the cost constraints of Section 12 of the Act.

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Gloucestershire Constabulary, when refusing to provide information (because the information is exempt) to provide you the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the

exemption in question and (c) states (if not otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies.

In relation to your request Section 12 applies.

Section 12(1) – Fee Regulations states:

Section 1(1) of the Act does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit. (As detailed in the Data Protection and Freedom of Information Fees Regulations of 2004)

The appropriate limit at the moment is £450 calculated at an hourly rate of £25 per hour for all staff time incurred in:

- i. Determining whether information is held
- ii. Locating it
- iii. Retrieving it
- iv. Extracting the information to be disclosed from the other information.

In accordance with the Act, this letter represents a Refusal Notice for your request.

Section 16 – unable to assist

Unfortunately, I'm unable to assist in suggesting ways of refining your request to come within the confines of Section 12 of the Act. Even reducing the timescale would not reduce the number of records enough that a manual review could be conducted within the timescale but still provide meaningful information.

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
SK9 5AF

Yours sincerely,

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