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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0408

On 28/04/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I would like to request data held by the force relating to recorded theft offences from construction/building sites and from builders' merchants (including timber merchants), for the period 1st of January 2020 to 31st of December 2025 (inclusive).

Definitions

Construction/building sites should be interpreted broadly to include active construction sites, building sites, demolition sites, infrastructure projects, redevelopment sites, and other similar locations where construction, demolition, civil engineering, or related works are being undertaken.

Builders' merchants should be interpreted broadly to include builders' merchants, timber merchants, roofing suppliers, aggregate and building material suppliers, landscaping and fencing suppliers, and other similar trade suppliers primarily engaged in the sale, storage, or distribution of construction-related materials, products, or equipment.

Below is the specific information I would like to request:

Construction/Building Sites:

The number of recorded theft offences involving items taken from construction/building sites.

A breakdown of the type of items or materials stolen (e.g., tools, bricks, wood/timber, etc.) from construction/building sites where recorded.

The number of any charges and/or arrests made in connection with thefts at construction/building sites.

We are committed to being an anti-discriminatory organisation. This means not only acting in a non-discriminatory way, but addressing systemic inequalities, disadvantage and discrimination.

Builders' Merchants:

The number of recorded thefts involving items taken from builders' merchant sites. This can also include timber merchants.

A breakdown of the type of items or materials stolen (e.g. tools, bricks, wood/timber, etc.) from builders' merchants where recorded.

The number of charges and/or arrests made in connection with thefts from builders' merchants.

Please provide the data as a yearly breakdown. I would like the information to be provided in an electronic format. Please provide the information in one of these preferred spreadsheet formats:

.csv

.xlsx

If any part of this request exceeds the appropriate cost limit under the Act, please advise how it may be refined so that the information can be provided.

Really appreciate your assistance on this. Please let me know if you require any further information.

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

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted of the Constabulary's crime recording system for substantiated crimes with the offence of 'theft' between 01/01/2020 and 31/12/2025. The information was broken down to the available locations 'building site' and 'builders' merchants'. Additional filters were applied using the available search terms "hand tools" and "building materials". The information retrieved has been shared below in response to your request.

1 incident was recorded in the location "builders' merchants".

3 incidents were recorded in the location "building site".

Other than 'building materials', the specific types of materials or tools stolen were recorded as follows: metal fencing & copper piping.

No charges were brought to any of the 4 incidents referenced above.

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
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Yours sincerely,

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