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Date: 13/08/2026

Dear

**Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI\_26\_0551**

On 09/06/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

For the purposes of this request, "e-scooter" refers to a privately-owned electrically powered scooter (powered transporter) and does not include electrically assisted pedal cycles (e-bikes), electrically powered motorcycles or mopeds.

Please provide the following information for each of the calendar years 2023, 2024 and 2025:

1. The number of privately-owned e-scooters seized by your force.
2. Of those e-scooters seized, the number that were subsequently released or reclaimed by their owners.
3. The number of Fixed Penalty Notices (FPNs), Traffic Offence Reports (TORs), or equivalent traffic disposals issued in relation to the use of privately-owned e-scooters. Where the information requested is held but not recorded in exactly the format requested, I would be grateful if you could provide the closest available recorded information. This request is intended to capture information that can be retrieved by way of an electronic search of your force's records systems. I am not requesting that individual records be manually reviewed.

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

Following receipt of your request, I can confirm that searches were undertaken within Gloucestershire Constabulary in order to identify and locate the relevant information.

Unfortunately, there is no central register for this information and no way to retrieve the information by way of direct electronic searches. Whilst the Constabulary records the number of e-bikes and e-scooters seized, the exact information surrounding the outcome of any seizures or any additional information will be contained within the individual record relating to the seizure. This may be in the form of an incident record, a linked recorded crime, and/or a property record.

Therefore, in order to ascertain if any relevant information is held a manual review of each record would have to be undertaken. This would be a significantly lengthy process with each seizure record and any corresponding records to be identified and reviewed. Additionally, due to data being held on different systems and historical system data migration this would be take a significant amount of time.

For the requested time period, there were 40 recorded e-bike / e-sccoter seizures. Based on a review of 40 records at 30 minutes each(the significant amount time to review is estimated around the need to access and search a number of different data recording systems which do not have capacity to apply electronic searches for the requested information) , this would take 20 hours. Which is therefore longer than the 18 hours prescribed by the Freedom of Information 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.

However, you may be interested in an FOI request which has been published on our force website under our publication scheme. May I direct you to: [foi\\_26\\_0679\\_seizures-of-escooters-and-ebikes-.pdf](#)

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.

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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](mailto:casework@ico.org.uk)

Post – Information Commissioner's Office  
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Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
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Yours sincerely,

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