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Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request FOI_26_0856

On 10/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am seeking figures for recorded crimes of burglary and theft occurring at construction or building sites in your force area over the last five full years (2020 to 2025). If you can provide the data for 2026 too (year to date or up to the most recent date you can) this will also be gratefully received.

By "construction or building site" I mean premises where building, civil engineering or demolition work is taking place, including sites under active development and their associated compounds, site offices and storage. If you hold a searchable "location type" or "premises type" field, please provide figures for whichever categories correspond to construction/building sites and state those in your response.

For each of the five years (and 2026 if applicable) please provide the number of recorded crimes, broken down by offence type, for:

1. Burglary (business and community / non-residential) at construction or building sites; and
2. Theft of building materials, plant, tools or equipment from construction or building sites.

In addition, for each of these recorded crimes, is it possible to provide a geographic breakdown at the most detailed area level you are able to release without breaching data protection? — for example by local authority district, policing area/BCU, town, or partial (outward) postcode.

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

Following receipt of your request, a search was undertaken for all substantiated crimes recorded between 01/01/2020 and 10/09/2026 for offences grouped under burglary or theft only. A filter was applied for the specific location code of “building/construction sites” and we have applied a further filter to the data of local policing area (LPA).

Police Forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide statistics to government bodies, and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons the figures given relate to information from the specific recording system of Gloucestershire Constabulary and should not be used for comparison purposes with any other response you receive.

Please note that our systems are designed to record information for policing purposes and the investigation of crime and not to extract statistical information. Accordingly, whilst we endeavour to extract relevant data within the time limits of the Act, any data supplied is subject to these limitations.

In response to the questions you asked, I can confirm the following:

Offence	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	Total
Abstracting electricity							1	1
Burglary dwelling	1	1	4	4	1	3	1	15
Burglary non dwelling	6	8	10	20	7	6	22	79
Theft by employee							1	1
Theft from vehicle not m/v				2				2
Theft of conveyance not m/v, cycle							1	1
Theft -unclassified	13	8	14	11	10	9	18	83
Total	20	17	28	37	18	18	44	182

LPA	Count of Recorded Crimes
Cheltenham LPA	16
Cotswolds LPA	24
Forest LPA	18
Gloucester LPA	35
Stroud LPA	34
Tewkesbury LPA	42
Unclassified LPA	12
Not recorded	1
Total	182

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
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Yours sincerely,

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