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Date: 30/10/2026

Dear

Gloucestershire Constabulary Freedom of Information request 26_0924

On 29/09/2026 you sent an email constituting a request under the Freedom of Information Act asking the following:

Under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please accept this request for recorded crime data held by Gloucestershire Constabulary regarding fuel thefts in the immediate vicinity of RAF Fairford.

1. Scope of Request

Please provide details for all recorded incidents of fuel theft (including diesel, petrol, red diesel, heating oil, or bulk site fuel) occurring within a 1-mile radius of the boundary perimeter of RAF Fairford over the last 12 months (from 1 October 2025 to 29 September 2026).

2. Specific Information Requested

For each recorded incident matching the criteria above, please provide:

Date and Time: The date and approximate time the offence was recorded or reported to have occurred.

Fuel Type: The type of fuel involved (e.g., petrol, road diesel, red/agricultural diesel, heating oil, or unclassified), if specified in the crime report and does not cause the FOI to exceed the time limits for data acquisition.

Location Details: The specific location type or nearest road/postcode sector (e.g., agricultural land, commercial depot, residential premises, roadside, or vehicle fuel tank theft).

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.

Offence Classification: The Home Office Offence Category under which it was recorded (e.g., Theft from Motor Vehicle, Theft from Commercial Premises, Making Off Without Payment, or Other Theft).

Outcome: The current outcome status of the recorded offence (e.g., Under Investigation, Investigation Complete – No Suspect Identified, Caution/Charged).

3. Refinement / Cost Limit Guidance (Section 12) If searching by an exact "1-mile radius from the boundary fence" exceeds the statutory cost limit set out under Section 12 of the Act due to GIS mapping constraints, please apply the search using the following parameters:

Postcode Sectors: GL7 4 (covering Fairford, Kempsford, Whelford, and Horcott areas adjacent to the airfield).

Parishes / Beat Areas: The local policing beat(s) covering Fairford, Kempsford, and Whelford.

If the request still exceeds the cost limit under these parameters, please contact me to advise on how I can refine the scope before issuing a formal refusal.

I look forward to hearing from you within the statutory time frame of 20 working days.

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

Section 17 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.

With regard to the above requested information, the following exemptions apply due to an ongoing investigation which is currently in progress:

Section 30 – Investigations and proceedings conducted by public authorities

Section 30 is a qualified, class-based exemption and therefore a public interest test is required.

Public Interest Test (PIT)

Factors In Favour for Disclosure

Police forces and investigative bodies have a duty to conduct criminal investigations.

Disclosing information surrounding investigations would provide greater transparency in the investigating process and the actions of those involved within the process. There is clearly a public interest in how the Constabulary conducts, supports, and engages in investigations.

Factors Against Disclosure

Information gathered during an ongoing investigation may be disclosed at the appropriate point of the criminal justice process. To disclose information at will relating to any ongoing criminal investigation would risk impacting the effectiveness of the investigative work and

undermine the criminal justice process. This, in turn, would harm the overarching law enforcement goals of preventing and detecting crime and bringing offenders to justice.

The public expects the Constabulary to conduct investigations without taking any action which harms, unduly delays, or interferes with an investigation. Therefore, it can be said any such action which ultimately risks prejudicing an investigation is not in the public interest.

Balance

There is overwhelming public interest that the Constabulary conducts investigations without impacting them through the disclosure of information into the public domain.

It is the position of Gloucestershire Constabulary that it is paramount to the successful administration of justice that due process is followed and maintained throughout the investigative process.

For the reasons set out above it is our opinion that the balance test is in favour of withholding the requested 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 –

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Wycliffe House
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Wilmslow
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Yours sincerely,

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