

15 December 2025

FOI Ref 22231

Request - You asked us the following:

My son and partner are looking to buy their first house and are looking in Smillie Place , Cannock, [REDACTED] I think.

To help them I would like to know as much as possible about this Street.

I appreciate you may not be able to tell me about certain individuals. But can you tell me about crimes, anti social behaviour and anything else to be mindful of.

Do you have an Officer or Team that have a good knowledge of this place. If so can I speak to them before my my son makes any decisions.

Clarification received on 10/12/2025:

I'm thinking over a period of the past 2 or 3 years. Can you tell me if any crimes have been committed or reported at the property. I appreciate confidentiality but can you tell me about anti social behaviour...i.e. are there any families in the street who cause problems Any known drug dealers or suspected dealers? Burglaries, car crime etc. Is there an Officer or officers who have a good knowledge of the street and surrounding area ?

We received your request on 10/12/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

Staffordshire Police (SP) holds the requested information.

- To help them I would like to know as much as possible about this Street.
I appreciate you may not be able to tell me about certain individuals. But can you tell me about crimes, anti social behaviour and anything else to be mindful of. – **Withheld, Section 21. Please see below.**
Do you have an Officer or Team that have a good knowledge of this place. If so can I speak to them before my my son makes any decisions. – **Withheld, Section 21. Please see below.**
- Can you tell me if any crimes have been committed or reported at the property. – **Neither confirm nor deny.**
- I appreciate confidentiality but can you tell me about anti social behaviour...i.e. are there any families in the street who cause problems Any known drug dealers or suspected dealers? Burglaries, car crime etc. – **Neither confirm nor deny.**
- Is there an Officer or officers who have a good knowledge of the street and surrounding area ? – **Withheld, Section 21. Please see below.**

The following exemption has been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

- Section 21(1) - Information reasonably accessible by other means.

Section 21 is an absolute, class-based exemption and as such there is no requirement to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure, nor is there a requirement to perform a Public Interest Test.

Advice and assistance

In order to comply with our obligations under Section 16 of the Act, the obligation to provide advice and assistance, please find below links to the information requested.

- <https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/area/your-area/staffordshire/cannock-chase/cannock-east-and-north/contact-us/crime-map>

SP can neither confirm or deny that it holds some of the information you have requested as it believes that the duty under s1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the duty to confirm whether the public authority holds information of the specified description) does not apply.

The following exemption has been applied:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for parts of this particular request.

- Section 40(5) Personal Information

Section 40(5) is an absolute exemption which means that there is no need to quantify the harm that may arise from the disclosure; neither is it subject to a public interest test.

To release personal or third-party information that may or may not be held by SP, would breach the data protection principles; namely –

- Data is lawfully and fairly processed.
- Processed in line with an individual's rights.
- Data is secure.

Personal and third-party information cannot be released under the Freedom of Information Act.

Disclosure under Freedom of Information is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from SP, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Information Access Team within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a Supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Supervisor will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following link:
<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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Information Access Team