



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

Our Ref: FOI 22008
Your Ref: FOI 21949
Date: 27 October 2025

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

We refer to FOI request 21949 which was first notified to Staffordshire Police on 10th October 2025 and was expressed in the following terms:

1 - I'd like to request a list including the vehicle registration number, make and model of all vehicles currently on your fleet (both owned and leased) between the dates of 01/11/2024 to 30/09/2025, within your Police Constabulary.

2 - I'd like to request a list including the vehicle registration number, make and model of all fleet vehicles sold, between the dates of 01/11/2024 to 30/09/2025, within your Police Constabulary.

A formal response was sent to you on 22nd October 2025. You have since made the following representations:

Thank you for your response. I would like to ask for a review of the response I've received to my recent FOI request.

Could I just have the details of vehicles sold instead then?

Apologies - what I meant was can I have the vehicle registration numbers for the vehicles that have been sold, as then they pose no significant risk? Other Police forces just provide me with the registration numbers of sold cars but not current.

Our Response

We have carried out a review of the initial response that was sent to you on 22nd October 2025.

Your request for an Internal Review focuses on Staffordshire Police's refusal to provide the registration numbers of vehicles that have been sold.

You argue that the release of this information would not pose a significant risk.

Having carried out a review we agree that s31(1)(a)(b) should not have been cited with regard to vehicles as they are no longer owned by Staffordshire Police.

We do believe however, that the s17 refusal notice still applies but that another FOI Act exemption is valid, namely s40(2) Personal Information.

Section 40(2) 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 held by Staffordshire Police, 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 FOI requests and response letters are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with the outcome of the review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner to investigate. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

<https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

Kind regards,

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