

7 April 2026

FOI Ref 22736

**Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:**

I am writing under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request information about incidents involving objects reported as thrown or identified on the A50 in Staffordshire.

This is a general request about incidents on the major road itself, including carriageways, hard shoulders, and immediate roadside areas/verges. It is not related to any personal incident, SAR, complaint, or prior correspondence. The request is solely for general road safety and operational information and does not seek any operational tactics, sensitive police methods, or personal data.

**Reasonableness:**

I am aware that in one recorded officer statement captured on body-worn video, an officer mentions that "an object was reported as thrown." I am not requesting any personal data related to that statement; rather, this request seeks general records documenting thrown or recovered objects on the A50 in Staffordshire during the period 1 January to 31 March 2025.

I understand that some records may be limited or partial; any information that is recorded in relation to road safety, traffic incidents, or object recovery is relevant.

**Request:**

Please provide:

1. Any recorded incidents, logs, or reports documenting objects reported as thrown or recovered on the A50 during the above period, including objects located on the carriageway, hard shoulders, or immediate roadside areas/verges if recorded in relation to road safety or traffic incidents.
2. The date of each incident.
3. Any description or classification recorded for the object (for example: debris, deliberate act, road hazard).
4. Whether the object was recovered or removed, and by whom.
5. Any incident reference or log numbers associated with these events.

If full incident reports do not exist, please provide any minimal recorded information, such as:

- \* System-generated logs, notes, or entries referencing objects;
- \* Confirmation that an object was reported, observed, or removed;
- \* Any record of the source, date, or category of the incident.

If no information is held, please confirm explicitly and clarify whether Staffordshire Police has any systems that could record such objects.

**Public interest:**

This request is made solely for general information about reported hazards and incidents on the A50 in Staffordshire. The purpose is to gain a broad understanding of objects reported, observed, or recovered on this road, which is a legitimate matter of public interest for road users and community safety.

Thank you for your attention to this request. I look forward to your response within 20 working days as required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

SP received your request on 07/04/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

**SP holds the requested information.**

- 1. Any recorded incidents, logs, or reports documenting objects reported as thrown or recovered on the A50 during the above period, including objects located on the carriageway, hard shoulders, or immediate roadside areas/verges if recorded in relation to road safety or traffic incidents. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22736 Objects Thrown on the A50 Data'.**
- 2. The date of each incident. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22736 Objects Thrown on the A50 Data'.**
- 3. Any description or classification recorded for the object (for example: debris, deliberate act, road hazard). – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22736 Objects Thrown on the A50 Data'.**
- 4. Whether the object was recovered or removed, and by whom. – **No information held.**
- 5. Any incident reference or log numbers associated with these events. – **Withheld, Section 40.**

If full incident reports do not exist, please provide any minimal recorded information, such as:

- \* System-generated logs, notes, or entries referencing objects; - **As above.**
- \* Confirmation that an object was reported, observed, or removed; - **As above.**
- \* Any record of the source, date, or category of the incident. - **As above.**

If no information is held, please confirm explicitly and clarify whether Staffordshire Police has any systems that could record such objects. – **Not applicable.**

Please note that this data relates to all Road Traffic Collisions on the A50 where an object has been reported as either thrown or recovered.

**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 request.

- Section 40(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 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 note that this data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software. Additional incidents may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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](mailto:IAT@staffordshire.police.uk)

Or by Post to:



STAFFORDSHIRE  
**POLICE**

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 SP 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 twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty 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, considering 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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