

2 October 2026

FOI Ref 23471

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

What information do you hold on the following:-

- 1) Total number of motorists prosecuted for use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise in Staffordshire, from 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.
- 2) Total number of motorists prosecuted for use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA from 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.
- 3) For each prosecution from 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026 for use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA please provide: (i) the date of prosecution; and (ii) the time of prosecution.
- 4) What information do you hold on the following (i) gender and (ii) ethnicity of the motorists sent prosecution notices for use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.
- 5) What information do you hold on the type of prosecution (for example, a fixed penalty fine to be paid, or attendance at Magistrates Court) issued to motorists for using motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.
- 6) Specifically what information do you hold about any penalty issued to motorists for using motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026, please provide ethnicity and gender statistical information.
- 7) What information do you hold on motorists prosecuted for using a motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026 and were: (i) private drivers (please provide ethnicity and gender statistics) or (ii) driving a taxi (please provide ethnicity and gender statistics).
- 8) What information do you hold on the type of prosecution for (i) taxi drivers and (ii) private drivers prosecuted for using motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.
- 9) What information do you hold about the amount of fine and/or fixed penalty charged to (i) taxi drivers and (ii) private drivers prosecuted for using motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.

10) What information do you hold on how many (i) taxi drivers and (ii) private drivers prosecuted for using motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise while in the vicinity of UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026 have been sent or taken the option to attend court.

11) What other or additional information do you hold on statistics for the offence: 'use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise' -

What information do you hold on:

12) Sounding their horn.

(a) Total number of motorists prosecuted for sounding their horn under the category 'use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise' in Staffordshire, 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.

(b) Total number of motorists prosecuted for sounding their horn under the category 'use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise' while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.

(c) For each prosecution 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026 for sounding vehicle horn under the category 'use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise' while in the vicinity of UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA please provide: (i) the date of prosecution; and (ii) the time of prosecution.

(d) Please provide (i) gender and (ii) ethnicity of the motorists sent prosecution notices for sounding their horn under the category 'use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise' while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.

(e) Please provide the type of prosecution (for example, a fine to be paid, or attendance at Magistrates Court) issued to motorists for sounding their horn under the category 'use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise' while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.

12) a. Please provide information whether the motorists prosecuted for sounding their horn under the category 'use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise' while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026 were: (i) private drivers (please provide ethnicity statistics) or (ii) driving a taxi (please provide ethnicity statistics).

(b) Specifically what information do you hold on the type of prosecution eg fixed penalty, magistrates summons for (i) taxi drivers (please provide ethnicity statistics) and (ii) private drivers (please provide ethnicity statistics) prosecuted for sounding their horn under the category 'use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise' while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026.

(c) What other information do you hold on (i) taxi drivers and (ii) private drivers prosecuted for sounding their horn under the category 'use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise' while driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026: Here please state any other categories of information you have collected and added to any database



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Section B

What information do you hold on the construction of your questionnaire found here:

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Specifically:-

- 1) What Guidance document did you consult with the date of that Guidance document for the ethical construction of a Police Questionnaire?
- 2) What ethics panel did you employ?
- 3) What expert advice did you receive from which university or professional polling organisation before attempting to write this construct?
- 4) What is the highest qualification of the person or persons who wrote this attempt at a survey?
- 5) Who was the supervisor of the writer? Rank will do.
- 6) What cpd training has the writer and supervisor obtained in how to write an ethical survey?

So please provide the following information regarding Q10 of the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team's 'The Shenstone Protest Activity Resident and Business Questionnaire' circulated in various ways including on Facebook here:

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For clarification what information do you hold on the following after your claims in your questionnaire at Question 10.

- (a) Total number of motorists for whom, from 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026, the police has taken 'enforcement action' against motorists who sound their horns in response to protest-related signs, banners, or activities' as claimed in Q10 above.
- (b) For each notice sent to the motorists as in (a) above, what is (i) the date on which the motorist sounded their horn for which enforcement action was taken; (ii) the time of day the motorist sounded their horn for which enforcement action was taken; and (iii) what is the enforcement action detailed in the notice sent to the motorist?

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Please note all of the above information should be already present on Staffordshire Police data sets and presented to the public clearly in the form of statistics, presenting the work of Staffordshire Police to the Staffordshire taxpayer. This information appears not to be clearly displayed.

Data bases Staffordshire Police use return information I have politely requested within seconds.

Like all UK police forces, Staffordshire Police uses a combination of national databases, specialist vehicle networks, and local administrative platforms to log and process traffic offences.

The primary systems used to track and manage driving offences include:

1. National Law Enforcement Databases

Police National Computer (PNC): The core national database used to check driver records, vehicle details, and registered keepers. If a traffic offence results in an arrest, summons, court conviction, or a formal penalty notice/disqualification, it is permanently logged here. [1, 2, 3]

ACRO Criminal Records Office

Law Enforcement Data Service (LEDS): As the cloud-based successor designed to completely replace the legacy PNC, LEDS provides officers with real-time, on-demand traffic and vehicle data directly in the field. [1, 2]

Introduction to the guidance | College of Policing Why you should apply the Code of Practice and use this guidance.

Police National Database (PND): Used primarily for "soft" intelligence rather than standard speeding tickets. If a traffic incident involves broader criminal activity (such as organized vehicle theft or dangerous driving linked to other crimes), intelligence is fed into the PND. [1, 2, 3]

2. Vehicle & Camera Tracking Networks

National ANPR Data Centre (NADC): Staffordshire Police operates extensive Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras on fixed roads and police vehicles. As a vehicle passes a camera, its registration is instantly cross-referenced against a database of "vehicles of interest" (e.g., uninsured, stolen, or flagged for driving offences). [1, 2]

Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) How we use Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR).

More number plate recognition cameras to be installed on Staffordshire P...

More than a dozen cameras which quickly read registration plates are set to be installed in Staffordshire Police...

DVLA Database: Officers query the Driver and Vehicle Licensing Agency database via their mobile terminals to instantly verify vehicle tax, MOT status, and registered keeper details. [1, 2, 3] Report

Report a range of issues and incidents, from road traffic matters to serious crimes, using our simple online tool.



So:-

This then is a simple task and should have been expected after taking up so much police time making questionable inferences and claims in your questionnaire.

The concern is one of ethics and manipulative behaviours as outlined in the following:-

While you are not asked questions on this material below, it is there to prove its availability.

The absence of ethical consideration in your 'survey' is more likely to be subject of a formal complaint.

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Please think about your answers to the questions clearly presented above. They may be used as part of a Report to a relevant Select Committee.

SP received your request on 02/10/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

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

The following exemption has been applied:

- Section 14(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the request is vexatious.

SP are not providing the information you have requested as SP have determined that your request is vexatious under Section 14(1) Vexatious Requests.

The Information Commissioner's guidance on the subject makes it clear that Section 14(1) may be applied where a request, or its impact on a public authority, cannot be justified.

The key question to consider is whether the request is likely to cause a disproportionate or unjustified level of disruption, irritation or distress based on the impact of the authority, weighed against any evidence about the purpose and value of the request. SP are also entitled to consider the context and history of the request where it is relevant.

SP is treating this request as vexatious because to provide a response to questions already submitted on the same topic, through previous FOI requests that have been responded to, would cause an unjustified and disproportionate burden on the force. This is because there have been at least 9 Freedom of Information requests and Internal Review requests on the same topic. There has been a pattern of overlapping and frequent requests on varying subjects in relation to Elbit Systems and UAV Engines sites. This has become burdensome to the force and is detracting from our ability to respond to other requesters. There has been a bombardment of correspondence and requests on the same or similar topics that the Freedom of Information team and other departments within SP are having to respond to. These requests require a considerable amount of time to gather, review and prepare information as well as reviewing for the application of exemptions where relevant. This is detracting from the ability of SP to respond to other requesters, as well as on the departments that hold the information sought. The effort to meet these requests is, and will be, so grossly oppressive in terms of the strain on time and resources, that SP cannot reasonably be expected to comply with these requests especially whilst the force and specific teams involved are dealing with a current UK threat level of Severe and are responding to the policing of the high tensions within the community.

For the above reasons, SP have concluded that your request is vexatious within the terms of Section 14(1) of the Act and SP will not therefore be providing the information requested.

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

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, 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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