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Our Ref: FOI 23481
Your Ref: FOI 23471
Date: 05/10/2026

Internal Review

Re: Request for internal review of response to application for information under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, original request first notified to Staffordshire Police on 2nd October 2026.

Staffordshire Police (SP) refer to the above request which is copied below:

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

Section B

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

[Specifically:-](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F763708161611933%2Fpermalink%2F1543044157011659&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40staffordshire.police.uk%7Cd01a24a572dc4d177fbb08df2001cf81%7Cd492250406c0431d8eca67087dea03c8%7C0%7C1%7C639264864363999398%7CUnknown%7CTWfPbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIiYiOilwLjAuMDAwMCIsIiAiOiJXaW4zMilslkFOljoITWFpbCIsIldUljoYfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C&sdata=aXzqv1pBiZXi0aySUtB%2FWMxna2Py%2FSaJBmuitzICAow%3D&reserved=0):</p></div><div data-bbox=)

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:

[For clarification what information do you hold on the following after your claims in your questionnaire at Question 10.](https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.facebook.com%2Fgroups%2F763708161611933%2Fpermalink%2F1543044157011659&data=05%7C02%7Cfoi%40staffordshire.police.uk%7Cd01a24a572dc4d177fbb08df2001cf81%7Cd492250406c0431d8eca67087dea03c8%7C0%7C1%7C639264864364029459%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMlslkFOljoIjoiTWFPbCIsIlldUljoYfQ%3D%3D%7C60000%7C%7C%7C&sdata=RVoRM8dv1pzynP169v4p8p36jdIDXUBK2Cd9QQ0RULg%3D&reserved=0):</p></div><div data-bbox=)

- (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?

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.

29 Bad Survey Questions Examples That Hurt Results

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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.

You have requested an Internal Review which is copied below:

Please pass this on to the person who conducts Freedom of Information reviews.

I am writing to request an internal review of Staffordshire Police's handling of my FOI request 'The Question of Noise'.

This is the first time I have asked these questions and they are pertinent to concerns from a Staffordshire taxpayer. That means they are not vexatious.

Are you able to explain why you think questions in section A or B are vexatious.

A full history of my FOI request and all correspondence is available on the Internet at this address:

<https://eur02.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.whatdotheyknow.com%2Frequest%2Fthe%2Fquestion%2Fof%2Fnoise&data=05%7C02%7CIAT%40staffordshire.police.uk%7C775cd2a6ef914274e74d08df22c04a82%7Cd492250406c0431d8eca67087dea03c8%7C0%7C0%7C639267881443555164%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIIAiOiJXaW4zMlslkFOljoIjTWfFpbClslldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=uRAmpWiFy7H%2BHEK4IEMwj4o5WtzIRNjbqYn9IEmloHY%3D&reserved=0>

Thank you for your consideration of the above request.

SP Response

Upon review of your request for information under the Freedom of Information provision referenced above and all corresponding communication, SP are of the opinion that the response issued, alongside all clarification provided, fully answers the terms of your request.

SP confirm that the application of all exemptions outlined within this response are fully justified, and that the explanations and rationale for their application conveyed clearly and unequivocally.



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

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