

3 September 2026

FOI Ref 23100

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

Please provide any recorded information held by Staffordshire Police indicating whether the above site is regarded as a "prohibited place" for the purposes of section 7 of the National Security Act 2023.

Please provide any operational guidance, briefing documents, training material, legal advice, policy documents or operational orders held by Staffordshire Police concerning the treatment of the site as a prohibited place under the National Security Act 2023.

Please provide any correspondence between Staffordshire Police and:

- the Ministry of Defence;
- the Home Office;
- the National Protective Security Authority;
- West Midlands Police; or
- Moog Wolverhampton Ltd,

concerning the site's status under the National Security Act 2023.

Please confirm whether any officers have been instructed or briefed that the site should be treated as a prohibited place under the National Security Act 2023.

If the answer to question 4 is yes, please provide any recorded information identifying:

- when that briefing or instruction was first issued;
- the authority responsible for issuing it; and
- the recorded basis upon which that instruction was made.

If any information is exempt from disclosure, I request that any reasonably severable information be disclosed.

If the requested information is not held, I would be grateful if you would confirm that fact and advise, where known, which public authority is likely to hold the information.

SP received your request on 08/07/2026 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 on subject matter already submitted on previous FOI requests, or creating requests on the same topic, to which it has responded, will cause an unjustified and disproportionate burden on the force.

In reaching this decision, the following factors have also been considered:

There has been a pattern of frequent and overlapping requests. In all, there have been 9 such Freedom of Information requests in the last 12 months. 7 of these have been received within the last 2 months. A number of these FOI requests, including this one, have been submitted before SP has had the opportunity to answer the previous requests, such that at one point there were 4 such requests being considered by SP. In so doing, applicant(s) are showing an unreasonable persistence in attempting to open an issue that has already been addressed.

Dealing with these requests has become burdensome to SP. These requests require a considerable amount of time to gather, review and prepare information for disclosure 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.

The Purpose and value of the request aimed at the Policing response by SP in this context cannot be justified especially taking into account all the previous and ongoing requests of which this is one.

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. Moreover, please be advised that any further similar requests will also be treated as vexatious and will not receive a response.

All Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

If you are not content with this response, please contact the Information Commissioner via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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