



30 September 2026

FOI Ref 23345

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

1. Please provide the following information:

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

2. Please provide aggregated information regarding the protected characteristics (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.

3. (a) Please provide the type of prosecution (for example, a 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.

(b) Please provide the type of prosecution (for example, a 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, disaggregated by ethnicity.

4. (a) Please provide information whether the motorists 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 were: (i) private drivers (disaggregated by ethnicity) or (ii) driving a taxi (disaggregated by ethnicity).

(b) Please provide information about 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.



(c) Please provide information regarding the amount of fine 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.

(d) Please provide information regarding 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 driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA 1 August 2024 to 3 September 2026 have been taken to court.

5. Offence: 'use of motor vehicle on a road in a manner as to cause excessive noise'

Please provide the following information:

(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 driving past UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone WS14 0EA please provide: (i) the date of prosecution; and (ii) the time of prosecution.

6. Please provide aggregated information regarding the protected characteristics (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.

7. (a) 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.

(b) 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, disaggregated by ethnicity.

8. (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 (disaggregated by ethnicity) or (ii) driving a taxi (disaggregated by ethnicity).

(b) Please provide information about the type of prosecution for (i) taxi drivers (disaggregated by ethnicity) and (ii) private drivers (disaggregated by ethnicity) 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) Please provide information regarding (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:

- the amount of fine charged
- the date and time of offence
- ethnicity of motorist prosecuted

(d) Please provide information regarding how many (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:

- have been taken to court
- the date and time of offence
- ethnicity of motorist prosecuted

9. 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:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/763708161611933/permalink/1543044157011659/>:

(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 per 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?

SP received your request on 04/09/2026 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 or similar 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 or similar topics. 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 SP from the 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 to 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

This response has already been reviewed by the Information Access Team Management so if you are not content with this response, 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/>

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