

24 September 2026

FOI Ref 425

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

Please provide the following information regarding the Shenstone Protest Activity: Resident and Business Questionnaire by Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team (closing date 31 August 2026), which was shared publicly in various ways including on the Stonall Matters Group here: <https://www.facebook.com/share/18xtVTyFqj/>.

Question 1, Part 1: Which of the following did the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team consult before designing the questionnaire: (a) Staffordshire Police officials, (b) Staffordshire Council employees, (c) Other UK government officials, (d) employees of UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (e) employees of Elbit Systems UK, (f) consultants to UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (g) consultants to Elbit Systems UK, (h) residents of Oakhurst Court, Shenstone WS14, (i) residents of Ashcroft Lane, Shenstone WS14, (j) workers on the "wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (k) residents of the "wider Shenstone Village" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], and (l) professional questionnaire designers.

Question 1, Part 2: For each of these parties consulted, please supply the communications between all parties relating to this question.

Question 2, Part 1: Which of the following were involved in designing the questionnaire: (a) Staffordshire Police officials, (b) Staffordshire Council employees, (c) Other UK government officials, (d) employees of UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (e) employees of Elbit Systems UK, (f) consultants to UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (g) consultants to Elbit Systems UK, (h) residents of Oakhurst Court, Shenstone WS14, (i) residents of Ashcroft Lane, Shenstone WS14, (j) workers on the "wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (k) residents of the "wider Shenstone Village" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (l) professional questionnaire designers, and (m) Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Question 2, Part 2: For each of these parties consulted, please supply the communications between all parties relating to this question.

Question 3, Part 1: What measures did the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team use to check the questionnaire for leading questions?

Question 3, Part 2: Which of these parties were involved in the checking: (a) Staffordshire Police officials, (b) Staffordshire Council employees, (c) Other UK government officials, (d) employees of UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (e) employees of Elbit Systems UK, (f) consultants to UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (g) consultants to Elbit Systems UK, (h) residents of Oakhurst Court, Shenstone WS14, (i) residents of Ashcroft Lane, Shenstone WS14, (j) workers on the "wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (k) residents of the "wider Shenstone Village" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (l) professional questionnaire designers, and (m) Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Question 3, Part 3: For each of these parties involved, please supply the communications between all parties relating to this question.

Question 4, Part 1: What measures did the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team use to check the questionnaire for missing options?

Question 4, Part 2: Which of these parties were involved in the checking: (a) Staffordshire Police officials, (b) Staffordshire Council employees, (c) Other UK government officials, (d) employees of UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (e) employees of Elbit Systems UK, (f) consultants to UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (g) consultants to Elbit Systems UK, (h) residents of Oakhurst Court, Shenstone WS14, (i) residents of Ashcroft Lane, Shenstone WS14, (j) workers on the "wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (k) residents of the "wider Shenstone Village" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (l) professional questionnaire designers, and (m) Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Question 4, Part 3: For each of these parties involved, please supply the communications between all parties relating to this question.

Question 5, Part 1: What measures did the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team use to check the questionnaire for loaded language?

Question 5, Part 2: Which of these parties were involved in the checking: (a) Staffordshire Police officials, (b) Staffordshire Council employees, (c) Other UK government officials, (d) employees of UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (e) employees of Elbit Systems UK, (f) consultants to UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (g) consultants to Elbit Systems UK, (h) residents of Oakhurst Court, Shenstone WS14, (i) residents of Ashcroft Lane, Shenstone WS14, (j) workers on the "wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (k) residents of the "wider Shenstone Village" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (l) professional questionnaire designers, and (m) Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Question 5, Part 3: For each of these parties involved, please supply the communications between all parties relating to this question.

Question 6, Part 1: Regarding the people to whom the questionnaire was sent, what measures did the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team take to ensure that the survey was (a) distributed to, and (b) answered by, a fair and reasonable representation of a cross section of all possible respondents.

Question 6, Part 2: Who was involved in making the final decision of the following: (a) Staffordshire Police officials, (b) Staffordshire Council employees, (c) Other UK government officials, (d) employees of UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (e) employees of Elbit Systems UK, (f) consultants to UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (g) consultants to Elbit Systems UK, (h) residents of Oakhurst Court, Shenstone WS14, (i) residents of Ashcroft Lane, Shenstone WS14, (j) workers on the "wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (k) residents of the "wider Shenstone Village" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (l) professional questionnaire designers, and (m) Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Question 6, Part 3: For each of these parties involved, please supply the communications between all parties relating to this question.

Question 7, Part 1: In Q5 of the survey, 'I feel the Protests cause Serious Disruption' did the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team intend the term 'Serious Disruption' as used (a) generally or (b) in a specific legal context (given that it is in capitals)?

Question 7, Part 2: If the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team used it as legal term, then which law or statute is it being used under?

Question 7, Part 3: If the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team used it as a general term, (i) what criteria/source material were used to define 'serious disruption' and (ii) who was consulted for this purpose: (a) Staffordshire Police officials, (b) Staffordshire Council employees, (c) Other UK government officials, (d) employees of UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (e) employees of Elbit Systems UK, (f) consultants to UAV Engines Ltd, Lynn Lane, Shenstone, Lichfield WS14 0EA, (g) consultants to Elbit Systems UK, (h) residents of Oakhurst Court, Shenstone WS14, (i) residents of Ashcroft Lane, Shenstone WS14, (j) workers on the "wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (k) residents of the "wider Shenstone Village" [as per Q1 of the questionnaire], (l) professional questionnaire designers, and (m) Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team.

Question 7, Part 4: For each of these parties involved, please supply the communications between all parties relating to this question.

Question 8, Part 1: How did the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team ensure that the people answering the questionnaire understood the term 'Serious Disruption' in question 5 in the way intended as per question 7 above?

Question 8, Part 2: Please supply the communications by Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team relating to this point.

Question 9, Part 1: Where did the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team explain the context of the protest to the people who were sent the questionnaire?

Question 9, Part 2: What was the text used to explain the context of the protest to the people who were sent the questionnaire?

Question 9, Part 3: Please supply the communications by Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team relating to this point.

Question 10, Part 1: Was the questionnaire piloted by the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team: (a) Yes and (b) No?

Question 10, Part 2: Please supply the communications by Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team relating to this point regarding reasons for not piloting the questionnaire if the answer was 'No' in Part 1 of this point.

Question 11, Part 1: Which of the following was used by the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team to send the questionnaire to people - (a) WhatsApp groups (b) social media webpages (c) local information apps (d) local newspapers (e) paper copies through letter boxes (f) Signal app groups?

Question 11, Part 2: Please provide names of the specific WhatsApp groups, Signal groups, social media webpages, local information apps, local newspapers through the Lichfield Neighbourhood Policing Team distributed the questionnaire.

1. Total number of responses to the questionnaire.
2. Total number of residents of Oakhurst Court / residing opposite UAV responding to the questionnaire.
3. Total number of residents of Ashcroft Lane responding to the questionnaire.
4. Total number of residents of the wider Shenstone Village responding to the questionnaire.
5. Total number of workers on the UAV site responding to the questionnaire.
6. Total number of workers on the wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane responding to the questionnaire.
7. From the total number of residents of Oakhurst Court / residing opposite UAV and the total number of residents of Ashcroft Lane responding to the questionnaire (points 2 and 3 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I am Supportive of the protests outside of UAV' (Q2 of the questionnaire)?
8. From the total number of residents of the wider Shenstone Village responding to the questionnaire (point 4 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I am Supportive of the protests outside of UAV' (Q2 of the questionnaire)?
9. From the total number of workers on the UAV site responding to the questionnaire (point 5 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I am Supportive of the protests outside of UAV' (Q2 of the questionnaire)?
10. From the total number of workers on the wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane responding to the questionnaire (point 6 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I am Supportive of the protests outside of UAV' (Q2 of the questionnaire)?
11. From the total number of residents of Oakhurst Court / residing opposite UAV and the total number of residents of Ashcroft Lane responding to the questionnaire (points 2 and 3 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I am personally effected by the protests outside of UAV' (Q3 of the questionnaire: Note the typo 'effected' is in the original question)?
12. From the total number of residents of the wider Shenstone Village responding to the questionnaire (point 4 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I am personally effected by the protests outside of UAV' (Q3 of the questionnaire: Note the typo 'effected' is in the original question)?
13. From the total number of workers on the UAV site responding to the questionnaire (point 5 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I am personally effected by the protests outside of UAV' (Q3 of the questionnaire: Note the typo 'effected' is in the original question)?



14. From the total number of workers on the wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane responding to the questionnaire (point 6 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I am personally effected by the protests outside of UAV' (Q3 of the questionnaire: Note the typo 'effected' is in the original question)?
15. From the total number of residents of Oakhurst Court / residing opposite UAV and the total number of residents of Ashcroft Lane responding to the questionnaire (points 2 and 3 above), please provide the answers to question 6: 'If you believe the protests have caused serious disruption, please describe the impact on you, your household, or your business. Where possible, include specific examples, dates, times, and details of how you have been affected'
16. From the total number of residents of the wider Shenstone Village responding to the questionnaire (point 4 above), please provide the answers given to question 6: 'If you believe the protests have caused serious disruption, please describe the impact on you, your household, or your business. Where possible, include specific examples, dates, times, and details of how you have been affected'?
17. From the total number of workers on the UAV site responding to the questionnaire (point 5 above), please provide the answers given to question 6: 'If you believe the protests have caused serious disruption, please describe the impact on you, your household, or your business. Where possible, include specific examples, dates, times, and details of how you have been affected'?
18. From the total number of workers on the wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane responding to the questionnaire (point 6 above), please provide the answers to question 9: 'please provide any evidence to support this'.
19. From the total number of residents of Oakhurst Court / residing opposite UAV and the total number of residents of Ashcroft Lane responding to the questionnaire (points 2 and 3 above), please provide the answers to question 9: 'please provide any evidence to support this'.
20. From the total number of residents of the wider Shenstone Village responding to the questionnaire (point 4 above), please provide the answers to question 9: 'please provide any evidence to support this'.
21. From the total number of workers on the UAV site responding to the questionnaire (point 5 above), please provide the answers to question 9: 'please provide any evidence to support this'.
22. From the total number of workers on the wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane responding to the questionnaire (point 6 above), please provide the answers to question 9: 'please provide any evidence to support this'.
23. From the total number of residents of Oakhurst Court / residing opposite UAV and the total number of residents of Ashcroft Lane responding to the questionnaire (points 2 and 3 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I support the police taking enforcement action against motorists who sound their horns in response to protest-related signs, banners or activities' (question 10 of the questionnaire).
24. From the total number of residents of the wider Shenstone Village responding to the questionnaire (point 4 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I

support the police taking enforcement action against motorists who sound their horns in response to protest-related signs, banners or activities' (question 10 of the questionnaire).

25. From the total number of workers on the UAV site responding to the questionnaire (point 5 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I support the police taking enforcement action against motorists who sound their horns in response to protest-related signs, banners or activities' (question 10 of the questionnaire).

26. From the total number of workers on the wider industrial estate on Lynn Lane responding to the questionnaire (point 6 above), what is the total number of people answering (a) 'Yes' and (b) 'No' to the question: 'I support the police taking enforcement action against motorists who sound their horns in response to protest-related signs, banners or activities' (question 10 of the questionnaire).

SP received your request on 23/09/2026 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 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

Or by Post to:

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 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.



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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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