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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/23/011092/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/07/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

On 22/05/2022, at the Etihad stadium, a designated football match was played between Man City and Aston Villa. At full time, a large number of Man City fans ran onto the playing area.

Please could I be advised of the following information:

- 1) The total number of arrests at the time of this pitch invasion (for the offence of entering the playing area at a designated football match).*
- 2) The total number of court summons/PCR/charges from any subsequent police investigation into this pitch invasion (for entering the playing area).*
- 3) Does recorded rationale exist from the MPS if no arrests, subsequent summons/charges were brought for persons illegally entering the playing area on this occasion?*
- 4) Was a police investigation subsequently carried out to identify the supporters who entered the playing area from viewing stadium CCTV, media/social media photos, officer camcorder footage etc?*
- 5) If no police investigation was subsequently carried out, is there a record of the rationale for deciding not to do so?*

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police.

Response

Questions 1 & 2 – This information is held by GMP but I am not obliged to provide it as an exemption applies.

Due to the low results, the information has been exempted from disclosure under **Section 40(2) Personal Information** – this information constitutes personal data of an identifiable living individual, and to disclose this information would breach the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018. Personal data is defined by Section 1 of the Data Protection Act 1998 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for Questions 1 & 2 information.

Question 3 – Arrests were made by Greater Manchester Police

Question 4 – Yes

Question 5 – Not applicable