



Our ref: **GSA 2147/23**

Please quote our reference
number when responding

Wednesday, 16 August 2023

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: GSA 2147/23

I write in connection with your request for information dated 25/04/2023, I note you seek access to the following information:

1. *Total numbers of vehicles in GMP's fleet*
2. *Total number of vehicles fitted with ANPR cameras.*
3. *Total number of vehicles with telematics*
4. *Name of current telematics provider (If any)*

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.

Question 2 - The information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption:

• **Section 31(1)(a)(b) – Law Enforcement**

Section 31 is a qualified and prejudice-based exemption and as such, subject to a harm and public interest test which can be seen below:

Harm

Disclosure of the information on ANPR cameras on our fleet, could be of intelligence value to a person or persons with criminal or malicious intent. Full disclosure could provide and enable targeted malicious actions, be that some form of attack on an operational unit, or avoiding that unit for example where strengths and weakness may be perceived (whether incorrectly or not).

Public Interest Test

Considerations Favouring Disclosure

Disclosing information about ANPR cameras on fleet which are used by police would provide a greater transparency in their actions and ensure that they operate effectively and efficiently. It is clear that there is a public interest in public authorities operating in as transparent a manner as possible, as this should allow the public to understand how the force spends public money.

Considerations Favouring Non-Disclosure

Where current or future law enforcement role of the force may be compromised by the release of information, then this is unlikely to be in the interest of the public. Providing information on the number of fleet fitted with ANPR cameras may be more harmful inasmuch as it would reveal a picture of force capability and capacity in a highly sensitive area. If disclosed, the information could identify potential vulnerabilities which could be exploited by criminals, undermining the force ability to prevent and detect crime and apprehend offenders.

Balance Test

It is not in the public interest for law enforcement tactics and operational capability to be compromised with the disclosure of Fleet ANPR cameras, as those who wish to commit criminal acts will be more aware of the vehicles in operation to assist with preventing and detecting crime.

Disclosure is also not in the public interest as it places the community at increased unnecessary risk of harm and impacts on police resources. This is especially the case if additional tactics/resources need to be put in place to counter harm caused by an adverse FOIA request regarding police vehicles.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for the particular information on Question 2 of this request.

Please see remainder of the information below.

Response

Question 1 – 1,291

Question 2 – Exempt as above

Question 3 – None

Question 4 – Not Applicable