



Date: 07/08/2025
Our ref: 01/FOI/25/015098/S

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015098/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 11/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I appreciate that your systems are obfuscated against searches that would enable the public to have any degree of transparency. Thank you for providing me with the opportunity to refine the search.

As such, I am refining my request to cover communications to and from the Trafford branch.

I note that this is a revised request after your previous request 01/FOI/25/015071/H was refused under S12. I have included the text of your previous request below for reference.

According to [REDACTED], the RADAR festival was forced to cancel Bob Vylan from playing as a result of demands from international zionist organizations acting through, amongst other proxies, "local authorities". ['It Was Horrific': Radar Festival Speaks Out on Bob Vylan Cancellation](#) I am requesting all GMP communications that mention "Bob Vylan" between 2025-06-25 and 2025-07-07.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to supply you with all the information as an exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because this information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and

(c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. Where redactions occur in the attached documents, that is because the redacted information is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemption: **Section 40(2) – Personal Information.**

Section 40(2) represents information that directly or indirectly identifies a living individual. To disclose this information would breach the principles of 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. Section 40 is an absolute exemption and there is no requirement to conduct a public interest test.

Please see the attached documents. Further information may be available from Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council.

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: SAG Meeting with Trafford Council re Bob Vylan
Date: 10 July 2025 15:56:41
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

[REDACTED] final one.

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Trafford Division

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 July 2025 14:58

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Subject: SAG Meeting with Trafford Council re Bob Vylan

Ma'am/Sir

Promoter have made the decision to pull the artist from the event.

Venue - [REDACTED] - They don't expect much fallout as a result of this announcement, they will be working with the security team and manager and will be updating their event management plan to consider protest. They are going to monitor and gauge the fall out through social media but don't expect much reaction. They are only expecting between 1200 and 1500

per day , low level event for them. They will revisit through the week. They feel the risk has reduced. They have had previous Pro Palestinian artists with no issues or concerns, they are revisiting the plan. Some chatter that the artist is being removed from other events due to take place in the UK moving forward, manager and promoter have stepped away from the artist . Going to speak with the promoter to pause ticket sales.

Event management plan to be updated and will be completed later today if not tomorrow. This is the 3rd year of this particular event. Promoter leading on the comms re the cancellation

[REDACTED] Trafford Council asked when the comms are going out, they are hoping that they will be out today.

[REDACTED]

Have I missed anything?

Persons on the meeting are as follows;

[REDACTED] Trafford Council
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] GMP
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] – Venue
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Trafford Council
[REDACTED] Trafford Council
[REDACTED] Trafford licensing
[REDACTED] Force licensing
[REDACTED] Trafford Council
[REDACTED] Trafford Council
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Venue

Thanks

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Specialist Operational Planning unit
Greater Manchester Police

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Urgent: O2 Performance Bob Vylan
Date: 01 July 2025 14:46:00
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
[image002.png](#)
[image003.png](#)

Sirs / [REDACTED] / [REDACTED]

The artist Bob Vylan has now been cancelled from the line up at the Victoria Warehouse event.

LA are awaiting updated EMP.

The event has taken place for the previous 2 years with no issue. I will speak with [REDACTED] and venue staff to agree a police response, which will likely be briefing item and passing attention.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Trafford North Neighbourhood Policing Team
Stretford Police Station, Talbot Road, Stretford, Manchester, M32 0UX

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 July 2025 12:55
To: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Urgent: O2 Performance Bob Vylan

[REDACTED],

Thank you for the email below.

I have attended a meeting about this issue already and [REDACTED] will be attending a meeting at 14:30.

[REDACTED], please can you update [REDACTED] with any agreed outcome?

Kind regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 July 2025 12:38

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: FW: Urgent: O2 Performance Bob Vylan

[REDACTED] - FYI

Regards

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



Trafford District

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]



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From: Chief Constable <Chief.Constable@gmp.police.uk>

Sent: 01 July 2025 11:41

To: [REDACTED] >

Subject: FW: Urgent: O2 Performance Bob Vylan

Good morning,
Please find the attached for your districts attention.

Kind regards,

Chief Constable's Office



From: [REDACTED]

Sent: 01 July 2025 10:47

To: [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Cc: Chief Constable <Chief.Constable@gmp.police.uk>; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

the.mayor@greatermanchester-ca.gov.uk; [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Subject: Urgent: O2 Performance Bob Vylan

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Dear [REDACTED]

Please see attached a letter from Conservative Group Leader, Councillor [REDACTED], regarding the Bob Vylan performance at the O2 and the Conservative Groups concerns given his history of antisemitic remarks.

I have been asked to copy in GMP as well as some other organisations who it has been deemed it would be pertinent for them to know.

Kind regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Trafford Council

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From:

Cc:

Subject:

Date:

SAG - Update from PB - re Licence

01 July 2025 13:03:44

Hi [REDACTED],

As discussed and agreed, our preferred outcome is the organisers, or the venue cancel Bob Vylan from performing.

If that is not done, then we should pursue the following:

Engage the Licensing Authority:

- Request a **review of the venue's licence** under the Licensing Act 2003.
- Recommend **additional conditions** (e.g. banning political speech or requiring a code of conduct, prohibit specific speech or conduct during the performance').

1. Licensing Act 2003 – Premises and Event Licensing

Under the Licensing Act 2003, local authorities have powers to regulate “regulated entertainment,” which includes live music, plays, and similar performances

Key provisions include:

Premises Licence Conditions: If the venue has a premises licence, it may include conditions related to:

Prevention of crime and disorder

Public safety

Prevention of public nuisance

Protection of children from harm

Review or Suspension: If there is evidence that a performance may breach these objectives (e.g. inciting hatred or disorder), the licence can be:

Reviewed by the licensing authority:

Suspended or revoked in serious cases

Temporary Event Notices (TENs): If the event is under a TEN, the police or Environmental Health can object on grounds of public safety or disorder, potentially blocking the event.

Informal arrangements by the venue in my opinion do not sufficiently mitigate the likelihood that *‘There is credible intelligence that Bob Vylan may repeat chants or statements that incite hatred or disorder, these conditions could seek to prohibit specific speech or conduct during the performance’*

Kind regards

JP

[REDACTED]

Head of the Prevention Branch

RCRP | Prevention | Neighbourhood Policing | VRU | Op Vulcan

Greater Manchester Police

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Chair GMP Police Superintendents' Association