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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015026/C

I write in connection with your request for information dated 30/06/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to a long-standing neighbour dispute involving the occupants of [REDACTED]

This request is being made in the context of County Court proceedings concerning allegations of antisocial behaviour, nuisance, harassment, and property damage. I fully understand that personal data will be redacted in accordance with Section 40 of the Act and am happy to receive anonymised or summarised records where necessary.

Please provide information covering the period 17 May 2021 to 30 June 2025, as follows:

1. Police Attendance, Reports, and Call-Outs

A summary or record of any police involvement at [REDACTED], including:

- Reports made by or about the occupants of [REDACTED]*
- Reports made by other neighbours or members of the public involving either address*
- Records of police attendance, patrols, or call-outs to either address, or incidents*

involving the shared boundary

Please include where available:

- Incident or reference numbers*
- Dates and times*
- Type or nature of the report/incident (e.g. noise, threats, harassment, public order, etc.)*
- Outcome or action taken (e.g. no further action, advice given, formal warning, arrest, referral, etc.)*

2. Antisocial Behaviour (ASB) and Neighbour Dispute Logs

Records of any incidents categorised as antisocial behaviour relating to [REDACTED], including:

- Ongoing neighbour disputes*

- **Noise, verbal abuse, threats, intimidation, or harassment**
- **Complaints relating to domestic disturbances or garden conduct**

Please include details of:

- **ASB logs or case summaries**
- **Any multi-agency involvement or referrals (e.g. to the local authority)**
- **Outcome of any risk assessments or safeguarding evaluations**

3. Animal-Related Noise Complaints

Details of any complaints, reports, or responses relating to:

- **Dog barking or persistent noise nuisance from animals**
- **Any police investigations or follow-up action**

4. Vulnerability or Safeguarding Flags

Where applicable and redacted appropriately, any indications that the occupants of [REDACTED] have been flagged as:

- **Vulnerable adults or individuals**
- **Subjects of safeguarding referrals, concerns, or multi-agency meetings, particularly in the context of neighbour conflict**

(If this information is not disclosable under FOI due to sensitive personal data, please confirm whether such flags exist in an anonymised or generalised manner.)

5. Internal Police Communication (Where Available)

Summaries of any internal communication or notes (emails, logs, officer memos) relating to:

- **Neighbour disputes between [REDACTED]**
- **Any specific allegations made by either party**
- **Records of repeat calls or incidents relating to either property**

Result of Searches

The Freedom of Information Act provides the public with a general right of access to recorded information held by public authorities. However, information disclosed under this Act is effectively released into the public domain, or to the 'wider world', and not only to the person making the request. In cases where the public request information relating to individuals, it would be extremely rare for a public authority to release such information to the whole world under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Therefore, in accordance with the Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this request.

Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds the information you requested as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply, by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 40(5B)(a)(i) - Personal Information – giving information to a member of the public of the confirmation or denial that would have to be given to comply with section 1(1)(a) would (apart from this Act) contravene any of the principles of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the Data Protection Act 2018.

To confirm that any information is held or not, could confirm personal data. In some circumstances confirming or denying whether information is held could itself identify a living individual and would therefore breach the principles of the GDPR and the Data Protection Act 2018.

Personal data is defined by Article 4 of the GDPR and Part 1 of the Data Protection Act 2018, and means any information relating to an identified or identifiable natural person ('data subject'). An identified natural person is one who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

This use of neither confirm nor deny should not be taken as proof that such information does or does not exist.