

Date: 30th September 2025
Our ref: FOI/25/015463/T

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015463/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 09/09/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Horrific Road Traffic Accident at Halfway House Bury Old Road, Middleton Road and Leicester Road junction Manchester/Salford/Bury on Saturday 6th September 2025.

Freedom of Information

- 1. First and foremost, please supply me with details of all accidents that have taken place at this junction during the past 5 years.***
- 2. Can you also please supply me with copies of any written request you have had to improve the safety at this junction.***
- 3. Can you please supply me a log any verbal requests you have had to improve the safety at this junction over the past 5 years.***
- 4. Can you please let me know which council or authority is responsible for this whole junction. i.e. where Bury Old Road, Middleton Road and Leicester Road meet. In addition to whoever has prime responsibility, is there anyone else who has legal interest in this junction?***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. However, GMP cannot confirm if it holds all the information that you have requested without conducting a thorough search on your behalf.

For questions 2 and 3 of this request, GMP would be required to undertake a substantial review to see if we hold the information relating to your request. An officer may receive correspondence mentioning road safety however this is not officially recorded on a system. To determine if any information is held relating to question 2 and 3 would require manually reviewing every officer's email records. Any data

held once the review was conducted may not be accurate to provide under the FOIA. Due to the level of work required, to confirm whether the information held would take over 18 hours.

Therefore, as per section 12(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of searching for the information is above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

With Section 16(1) – the duty to provide advice and assistance – of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, Greater Manchester Police will be unable able to provide advice for you to reduce questions 2 and 3 in order for the force to keep this within the fees limit.

Should you wish to refine and resubmit your request in line with the advice above please respond to freedomofinformation@gmp.police.uk.

Although excess costs remove GMP's obligations under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as a gesture of goodwill I have supplied some information relative to your request that was retrieved before it was realised that the fees limit would be exceed (see below information). I hope that this is of use to you, but it does not affect our legal right to rely on the fee's regulations for the remainder of your request.

Question 1

Since 2020 there has been 8 collisions with 10 casualties. The casualties are recorded at severity level of 9 x Slight and 1 x Serious.

Question 2 & 3

Exempt Section 12. Please see above.

Question 4

The boundary line runs through the centre of the junction (see image). The top section is Manchester City Council, and the bottom is Salford City Council.

