

Date: 3rd February 2026
Our ref: FOI/26/016129/H

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/26/016129/H

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I request the following under the Freedom of Information Act 2000:

**Q1 - A copy of the dispersal order notice made on or around 7 September 2025 at the Manchester South Hotel on Wilmslow Road referred to in this GMP press release:
<https://www.gmp.police.uk/news/greater-manchester/news/news/2025/september/three-people-charged-following-protest-in-south-manchester/>**

Q2 - A copy of any rational, reasoning or assessment document (this may include be a human rights act or equality act assessment) of GMP in relation to the protest on 7 September 2025 and whether to impose the order.

Q3 - The name and contact information of the officer with operational/day-to-day control of protests at the Manchester South Hotel on Wilmslow Road.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information. I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Question 1 – Please see attached the Section 34 Dispersal Notice.

Question 2 – Please see attached the Section 34 Dispersal Notice.

Question 3 – Please see attached the Section 34 Dispersal Notice.

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.

Section 40 is an absolute exemption with no requirement to complete a public interest test.

In relation to question 3, the officers contact details have 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 2018 and means data that relates to an individual who can be identified directly or indirectly from that data.

Where redaction occurs within the attached document, this relates to Section 40(2) Personal Information, this represents information that identifies a living individual, to disclose this information would 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.

Initial Authorisation for S34 Dispersal

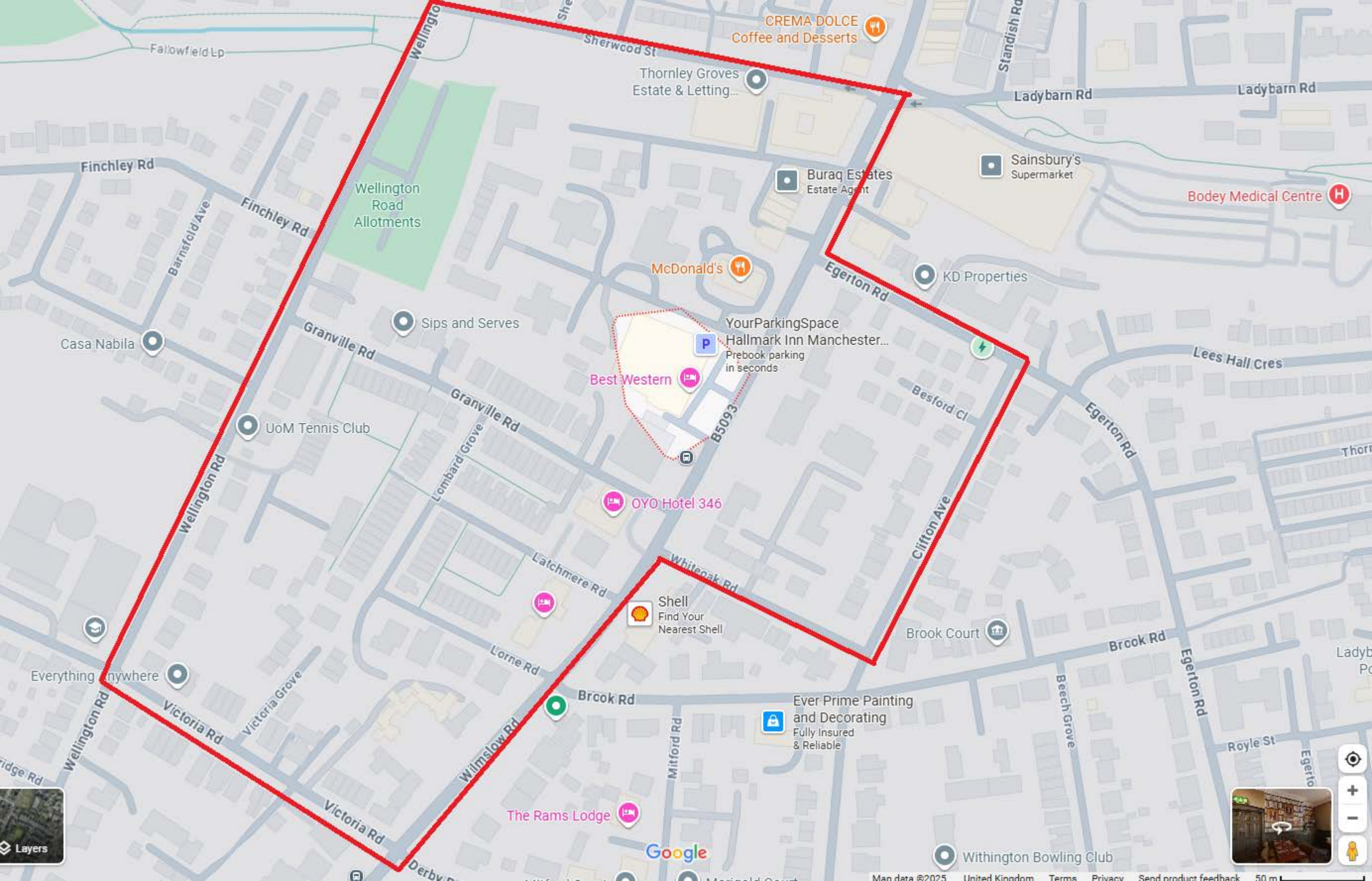
The authority must be given by an Inspector or above - see Guidance Notes.

I (rank/PIN/name)	Chief Inspector [REDACTED]	
of	Greater Manchester Police	District/Branch
am satisfied on reasonable grounds that the use of these powers may be necessary for the purpose of removing or reducing the likelihood of— (a) members of the public in the locality being harassed, alarmed or distressed, or (b) the occurrence in the locality of crime or disorder.		
In (locality – clear boundaries with named streets and highlighted map)	Wilmslow Road, Fallowfield as defined on the map	
Due to (summary of objective, incident references and intelligence-based grounds for belief)	Log refers to a protest at the Best Western Hotel on Wilmslow Road, Fallowfield. Approximately 120 pro-asylum protestors and 100 anti-migration protestors (including multiple auditors) have been present. Tensions have been running high for some time and police presence has been required to prevent escalation to disorder. Several arrests have taken place: • Racially aggravated POA x 2 • Outraging Public Decency • Theft of police equipment • Assault The presence of both groups and the number of auditors has led to members of the public in the locality being harassed, alarmed or distressed, AND the occurrence of crime and disorder. The use of dispersal powers in this locality will reduce the likelihood of these escalating further. In making this authorisation I have considered the rights of all under Articles 10 and 11 of ECHR. I have briefed officers to utilize the powers only if the activity has escalated beyond peaceful behaviour.	

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and I authorise any Constable in uniform within that locality to exercise powers under section 35 Anti-Social Behaviour, Crime and Policing Act 2014			
From (time)	16.45 hrs	On (date)	7 th September 2025
For a period of	7 hours 15 minutes (until midnight)	hours (not exceeding 48 hours)	
Signed			
Date	07/09/2025	Time	17.05 hrs
ControlWorks Incident Number for Dispersal Order	2302		

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CREMA DOLCE
Coffee and Desserts

Thornley Groves
Estate & Letting...

Ladybarn Rd

Finchley Rd

Wellington
Road
Allotments

Buraq Estates
Estate Agent

Sainsbury's
Supermarket

Bodey Medical Centre

Barnsfold Ave

Finchley Rd

McDonald's

Egerton Rd

KD Properties

Casa Nabila

Granville Rd

Sips and Serves

YourParkingSpace
Hallmark Inn Manchester...
Prebook parking
in seconds

Best Western

OYO Hotel 346

Granville Rd

UoM Tennis Club

Lombard Grove

Besford Cl

Egerton Rd

Lees Hall Cres

Wellington Rd

Latchmere Rd

Whiteoak Rd

Shell
Find Your
Nearest Shell

Brook Court

Brook Rd

Everything Anywhere

Victoria Rd

Victoria Grove

Lorne Rd

Brook Rd

Ever Prime Painting
and Decorating
Fully Insured
& Reliable

Beech Grove

Royle St

idge Rd

Wellington Rd

Victoria Rd

Wilmslow Rd

Mitford Rd

The Rams Lodge

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Withington Bowling Club

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