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FOI Ref.: 1361-2009

Dear Mr Sands,

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST 1361-2009

I write further to your request for information received by Kent Police on 16th February 2009, in which you asked for information concerning arrests made during Operation Oasis. I am conscious that this response arrives with you some considerable time after the twenty working day time limit permitted to a public authority to provide a response and for the lateness of this response we apologise. We have already explained in previous correspondence that this unit has been experiencing staffing difficulties and a recent rise in the number and complexity of requests. I am pleased to say that these issues are now approaching resolution and we hope to be able to resume normal service in the near future.

In your request you asked for the following information

Question: What proportions of the people included on the Operation Oasis protester database were:

- (a) arrested during, or after the event (the 'Camp for Climate Action'),*
- (b) charged with any offence,*
- (c) subsequently convicted?*

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states the following:

1 General right of access to information held by public authorities

- (1) Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—*
- (a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and*
 - (b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to him.*

I have conducted searches within Kent Police and consulted with senior officers involved in the Operation to police the Camp for Climate Change at Kingsnorth Power Station in 2008 and we can confirm that Kent Police do not have a database that answers the description as specified in your request and therefore this information is not held. Consequently, it is not possible to consider your supplementary questions. Therefore, and in accordance with the Act, this letter must act as a refusal notice for your request.

During the duration of the camp for Climate Change, which lasted for just over a week at the end of July and the beginning of August 2008, there were 100 arrests of 99 persons (one person was arrested twice.) 46 people were charged, 22 were cautioned and three were bound over. One person was remanded for breach of bail. The list of offences and the dates, and the numbers of people detained for them, is included in the table at Appendix 1.

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police. A sheet, which summarised your rights, was enclosed with the acknowledgement sent to you and as suggested therein, should you have any further questions concerning your request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.

Yours sincerely,

Nigel Amos
Freedom of Information Advisor

Appendix 1 - Charges

Date Of Arrest	Offence	Disposal
31/07/08	Obstruction	Charge
31/07/08	Obstruction	Charge
03/08/08	Obstruction	Caution
03/08/08	Possession Of Cannabis	Caution
03/08/08	Possession Of Bladed Article	Charge
04/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
04/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
04/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
04/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
04/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
04/08/08	No Insurance	Charge
04/08/08	Breach Of Peace	Bound Over
04/08/08	Breach Of Bail	Remanded in custody
05/08/08	Criminal Damage	Refused Charge
05/08/08	Criminal Damage	Refused Charge
06/08/08	Drugs / Bladed Articles	1x Charge, 1x Caution
06/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
06/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
06/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
06/08/08	Assault On Police	Charge
06/08/08	Criminal Damage	2x Charge (C/Damage + Drunk & Disorderly)
06/08/08	Possession Of Bladed Article	Refused Charge
06/08/08	Conspiracy to commit C/Damage	Refused Charge
06/08/08	Conspiracy to commit C/Damage	Refused Charge
07/08/08	Theft	Bailed 34/5 (Released without charge)
07/08/08	Possession Of Controlled Drug	Bailed 34/5 (Released without charge)
07/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
07/08/08	Going Equipped	Refused Charge
07/08/08	Possession Of Controlled Drug	Refused Charge
07/08/08	Possession Of Controlled Drug	Bailed 37/7 (Released without charge)
07/08/08	Obstruction	Bailed 37/7 (Released without charge)
07/08/08	Breach Of The Peace	Bound Over
07/08/08	Breach Of The Peace	Bound Over
07/08/08	Going Equipped for theft	Refused Charge
07/08/08	Possession Of Cannabis	Caution
07/08/08	Going Equipped for theft	Bailed 37/7 ((Released without charge)
07/08/08	Unlawful Possession Of Class A Drugs	Caution
08/08/08	Unlawful Possession Of Class A Drugs	Refused Charge
08/08/08	Possession Of 2x Bladed Articles	Charge
08/08/08	Possession Of Cannabis	Caution
08/08/08	Possession Of Cannabis	Caution
08/08/08	Theft Of Vehicle	Bailed 34/5 (Released without charge)
08/08/08	Handling Stolen Goods	Bailed 34/5 (Released without charge)
08/08/08	Theft Of Vehicle	Bailed 34/5 (Released without charge)
08/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
08/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
08/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
08/08/08	Possession Of Articles To Commit Damage	Refused Charge
08/08/08	Obstruction	Charge
08/08/08	Possession Of Class A Drugs	Refused Charge
08/08/08	Drink Drive	Charge
08/08/08	S5 POA	Charge
09/08/08	Possession Of Cannabis	Caution
09/08/08	Going Equipped To Commit C/Damage	Charge

