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| xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.xxx |  |  |  | Our ref: GSA/346/14 |
|  |  |  |  | When calling or telephoning  please ask for Philip Humphreys  28th February 2014 |

Dear Brigitte Lechner

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 346/14**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/11/2013, which was received by Greater Manchester Police on 04/02/2014**.** I note you seek access to the following information:

**My request for information falls within the context of extreme energy extraction such as is the case in Barton Moss. Extreme technology operations are being, and continue to be, forced upon communities in the Greater Manchester area. Community protest is costly as shown in Balcombe, Sussex, where police protection of extreme fossil fuel companies totalled some £3 million and was funded by the taxpayer.**

**Question 1: Are Greater Manchester police services to fossil fuel companies tax-payer funded?**

**Question 2: What provisions are in place to allow officers to refuse deployment in the service of protecting extreme fossil fuel company property? Can you give assurances that for such officers there will not be any negative consequences to such a request.**

**Question 3: Please supply your policy document showing arrangements for payment of police services rendered to major public events organisers such as football stadia.**

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

Q1 GMP is a public authority and is providing a police presence at Barton Moss for policing purposes. As a public authority GMP is funded from public monies.

Q2 no information held.

Q3 This point has been considered and I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Greater Manchester Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the 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.

The exemption applicable to the information is section 21 – Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means – and can be located on the Police & Crime Commissioner for Greater Manchester website at the following link:

<https://meetings.gmpcc.org.uk/documents/s5799/Charges%20for%20Policing%20Services%20-%201314.pdf>

In compliance with section 16 – the duty to provide advice and assistance – the following websites will provide additional information that may be of interest with your request:

<http://www.acpo.police.uk/documents/finance/2010/201006FRPTB01.pdf>

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2012/2632/pdfs/uksi_20122632_en.pdf>

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further inquiries concerning this matter, please write or contact me on telephone number 0161 856 2529quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

**Philip Humphreys**

Information Compliance & Records Management Assistant

**COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Greater Manchester Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again –

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Greater Manchester Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Greater Manchester Police to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Information Compliance & Records Management Unit Manager

Information Services Branch

Greater Manchester Police

Openshaw Complex

Lawton Street

Openshaw

Manchester

M11 2NS

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with Greater Manchester Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office

Wycliffe House

Water Lane

Wilmslow

Cheshire

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Phone: 01625 545 700