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Dear Mr Azman

I write in response to the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on 28/04/2017. Thames Valley Police has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
Under the freedom of information act, Please would you give me details of All reported sightings of big cats to your force in calendar years 2000to 2017 date. Please provide the DATE, approximate LOCATION and brief DESCRIPTION of each sighting. Thank you very much	<p>This request is being refused under Section 12(2) of the FOIA. A full explanation follows below.</p> <p>Further advice given under Section 16 of the FOIA can be found below:</p>

Section 12: Costs

Thames Valley Police does not hold this information in a retrievable format. The cost of determining if the information is held, locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. It is estimated that it would cost more than £450 to comply with your request.

In order to determine how many reports we have received of 'reported sightings of big cats' we would be required to manually review all potentially relevant calls received over seven years. There are thousands of calls that could be relevant, such as under the 'miscellaneous' category, therefore, this would exceed our 18 hour time limit under FOI.

Section 16: Advice



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Unfortunately, as there is no category on our system for 'reported sightings of big cats', we cannot establish how this could be achievable within the time and cost restraints.

Complaint Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Thames Valley Police, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within two months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI inbox; publicaccess@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

If, after lodging a complaint with Thames Valley Police, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

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