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Dear Mr Metson

### **Freedom of Information Request**

Thank you for your e-mail of 3 November requesting information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You asked for information:

#### **In respect of company number 1.**

We are assuming that the questions that follow relate to information provided about 'company 1' in a previous response (Ref: FOIR2646).

#### **1) Can you confirm please that this company is OPC**

This is not a request for information held and therefore is not being answered under the FOIA.

Details of the companies mentioned in the response to your previous request (Ref: FOIR2646) were withheld because to disclose that information would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of those companies. Therefore I am not prepared to confirm or deny whether company 1 is OPC.

#### **2) What is the breakdown of the points awarded for which specific offences?**

This information is not held.

#### **3) Where in the BPA AOS Contraventions and Sanctions' Code of Practice does it permit or cater for the suspension of any penalty points**

This information is not held as the BPA AOS Contraventions and Sanctions Code of Practice is maintained by the British Parking Association.

**4) Why were the points 'suspended' in this case?**

This information is not held. The decision to suspend sanction points awarded against company 1 was taken by the British Parking Association.

I am aware that the BPA took the decision to suspend the penalty points awarded following an investigation into the company's processes which revealed that processes were compliant with the Code and that significant investment had been made to ensure compliance in future. It was also on the understanding that the company would be monitored closely for three months, including audits from BPA and DVLA, and that its membership of the AOS would be reviewed at the end of that period.

**5) What are all of the implications of the points being suspended?**

This information is not held. The British Parking Association is responsible for the practice of awarding and suspending sanction points against AOS members.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R Toft', enclosed within a rectangular box.

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