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FOI Ref: 20/10/1274

Dear Marti Blagborough,

**Freedom of Information Request 20/10/1274**

I write in response to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 received on **29<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

*I would like to clarify a statement made on your website.*

*The statement in question is as follows:*

*Any filming on or around Kent County Council land, buildings, facilities or on public roads and streets will need permission.*

*Locations include:*

*Highways*

*Streets*

*Parks and pedestrianised spaces*

*Municipal buildings*

*Crematoriums and cemeteries*

*Libraries*

*It is my understanding that Absolutely No Permission is required to film or take pictures in a public place as Defined By Section 33 of the Criminal Justice Act 1972.*

*I also understand that in the UK there are no laws that prevent such filming.*

*My question is What authority does Kent Police or Kent Council have to prevent a citizen filming in public.*

Please note that the statement referenced was specifically aimed at individuals or groups wishing to record for TV or film projects.

So as to avoid any confusion and in response to your request, the Kent Police website has been updated with further information regarding filming or photography in public. The relevant information can be found via the following link:

<https://www.kent.police.uk/advice/advice-and-information/ph/photography-advice/>

Thank you for your interest in Kent Police. If you have any queries about your request or the application of the Freedom of Information Act generally, please contact this office quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely,

**Adam Staden**

**Public Disclosure Officer**



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## **Your right to appeal**

We take our responsibilities under the Freedom of Information Act seriously but if you feel your request has not been properly handled or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have 40 working days from the date the response is issued to request that Kent Police carry out an internal review.

If your request for a review concerns the decision to apply an exemption, it would assist if you would outline why you believe the exemption does not apply.

Kent Police will acknowledge receipt of any request for a review and aim to respond as soon as practicable, in most cases within 20 working days of receipt. If the review will not be completed in this timescale, you will be informed.

You may lodge your request for a review in writing:

Our email address is: [freedomofinformation@kent.police.uk](mailto:freedomofinformation@kent.police.uk)

Our postal address is:

Freedom of Information  
Coldharbour,  
London Road,  
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If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right under section 50 of the Act to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner who would normally expect you to have exhausted the internal review procedure provided by Kent Police.

For information on how to appeal to the Information Commissioner please visit the website at [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk). Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
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