



# NORTH YORKSHIRE FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

Your reference:

My reference: CAO/FOI/2236

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Dear Mr Cutler,

## Re: Freedom of Information Request – Fleet List

With reference to your Freedom of Information request dated 21/11/2019, the information you requested has been provided below.

You asked:

### ***1. Can you please provide a list of all vehicles owned by your service?***

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service can confirm that the information you requested above is currently available on our website within our 'FOI Disclosure Log' section and can be found using the following link <https://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk/about-us/yourdata/fo18/dislog1/foi-opa/>

The data of our current fleet list can be found in **FOI 2160 Fleet list of vehicles operated by NYFRS**. To view all the vehicles owned by the Service, you will need to filter the last row to "NO".

As a result, North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service considers this part of your information request to be exempt under Section 21 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act, which states that:

- (1) Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant otherwise than under section 1 is exempt information.

### ***2. What type the vehicle is (pump, platform etc), which stations they are based at and index plates?***

North Yorkshire Fire & Rescue Service have been able to supply some of this information in FOI 2160 as detailed above; however, the Service has found it necessary to exempt information regarding stations and index plates under **Section 24 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – National Security**.

Section 24 (1) of the Act provides a qualified exemption for release of information if its disclosure would prejudice national security. It states:

(1) Information which does not fall within Section 23 (1) is exempt information if exemption from section 1 (1) (b) is required for the purpose of safeguarding national security.

As an emergency service provider, we have to ensure that the information we hold in relation to the mobilisation of our response vehicles is kept secure with confidentiality maintained. The release of this information has wider implications that have to be considered and if this information was disclosed it may prejudice our ability to maintain our own security and national security.

Because Section 24 is a qualified exemption, I am required to consider whether the public interest in maintaining the above exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service has concluded that the public interest in maintaining this exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosure. The decision is based on the following reasons:

In assessing the balance of the public interest test, I am particularly mindful that disclosure under the Act is a release to the public at large. Whilst not questioning the motives of the applicant, releasing any information held could have an effect on national security and the health and safety of the public.

There is a strong public interest in the Service doing all it can to protect the health and welfare of members of the public and staff. Disclosing the information would undermine this purpose and would not be in the public interest. In addition, given the current security climate in the UK the Service need to take a precautionary approach and protect any potential target.

To conclude, maintaining security and ensuring public safety takes precedence over this request.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the Central Administration Office on 01609 780150.

If you are in any way unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint, please contact The Complaints Officer at North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service. Our complaints procedure is available on our website at [www.northyorksfire.gov.uk](http://www.northyorksfire.gov.uk).

North Yorkshire Fire and Rescue Service should be notified of your intention to complain within 2 months of the date of its response to your Freedom of Information request.

If you are still not satisfied following this, you can make an appeal to the Information Commissioner who is the statutory regulator. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow, Cheshire  
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Telephone: 01625 545 700, [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely,



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