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Our Reference: FOI 293/12

11<sup>th</sup> July 2012

Dear Mr Watson,

I am writing with reference to your request for information regarding Lantern Accuracy Analysis Engineering Report, 13 June dated 2012, made under section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act.

You asked for the following information:

*'You list reports that you feel you could send me within the FOI cost limit. From this list, please supply me with this single report:*

*Lantern Accuracy Analysis Engineering Report CCN014R2-020.1-1.0; dated 30 November 2006.'*

I can confirm that the NPIA holds the information you have requested, however the location of the IDENT1 disaster recovery site is being withheld under section 31(1) (a)(b) & (c).

### **Application of Exemption**

#### **Sections 31(1)(a),(b) & (c) , Law Enforcement**

This exemption is a prejudice based, qualified exemption and therefore the legislators accept that there may be harm if information falling within the scope of the exemption were to be released. However, we are required to evidence the harm and consider the balance of public interest in releasing the information.

#### **Harm under Section 31**

The requested information contains disaster recovery site location of the IDENT1 system. IDENT1 is still an active operational police system and the location of the site would aid an offender in any serious attempt to disable IDENT1; this would have a major impact on the UK police forces ability to function, for example, in establishing the identity of prisoners in custody.

#### **Public Interest Test under Section**

Section 31(1) of the Freedom of Information Act is a qualified exemption and the Public Interest Test is assessed below. This considers whether or not it would be beneficial to the community at large to disclose the requested information.

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Fry Building  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 4DF

T 0203 113 6000  
[www.npia.police.uk](http://www.npia.police.uk)

### **Consideration favouring disclosure:**

This information would provide details of the IDENT1 disaster recovery plans and demonstrate that the availability of a national policing system is being taken seriously by the NPJA.

### **Considerations favouring non-disclosure:**

The requested information would aid any serious attempt to disable the IDENT1 system, by revealing the location of the disaster recovery site. While the location of the primary site is already in the public domain, the secondary site is not afforded the same security measures and would be at greater risk of a successful attack if the location were to be disclosed.

### **Balancing Test:**

If the location were to be released under FOI, the security measures for this site would have to be reviewed and possibly strengthened as a result; this would be at cost to the public purse. Also, being the only redaction, it does not take anything away from the reading of the document, as the reader will know that it is a location of some kind, even if this location is not known.

### **Decision**

On this occasion, the location of the IDENT1 of the disaster recovery site is being withheld from disclosure.

### **Your right to complain**

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 the right to complain. We will investigate the matter and endeavour to reply within 20 working days. You should write to:

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Head of Secretariat and Policing Portfolio Unit

C/O FOI Team  
National Policing Improvement Agency  
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2, Marsham Street,  
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If you are still dissatisfied following our internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner. Before considering your complaint, the Information Commissioner would normally expect you to have exhausted the complaints procedures provided by the NPIA. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

FOI Compliance Team (complaints)  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Further information about the NPIA is routinely published on our website at [www.npia.police.uk](http://www.npia.police.uk) or through our publication scheme. If you require any further assistance in connection with this request please contact us at our address above.

Yours sincerely,

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**National Policing Improvement Agency**