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Dear Shaun Long,

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST**

I write in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information request submitted on 25<sup>th</sup> April 2018. Hampshire Constabulary has now considered this request, which has been repeated below and have responded accordingly.

- 1) How many incidents in 2017 were classed as 'Rural Crime'?
- 2) In 2017, how many incidents were linked to poaching?
- 3) In 2017, how many incidents of theft were reported of Tractors, Plant Machinery, Quad Bikes?

Hampshire Constabulary 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.

There is no specific category within the call management system to record incidents relating to 'Rural Crime'. This information could be recorded under a number of incident types, such 'hunting related incident', 'theft' or 'animal related incident'. In order to accurately determine this information, for the time period specified, would involve a manual trawl of thousands of records which would be extremely time consuming. In addition, a review of each



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	<p>theft incident would be required to determine if the report mentions theft of Tractors, Plant Machinery and Quad Bikes. This would exceed the cost limit under FOI.</p> <p>In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, if one element of a request exceeds the statutory cost limit, the whole request may be refused on grounds of cost. As such, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice in respect of your whole request.</p>
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### **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the Public Access office at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make an application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF, via telephone on 0303 123 1113 or 01625 545745 or at the website [www.ico.org.uk](http://www.ico.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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