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Dear Mr Combie

**Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20171470**

**REQUEST**

\*\*\* In October 2016, Sheffield City Council (SCC) and their contractor Amey, approached South Yorkshire Police (SYP) with a view to SYP supplying appropriate support to their planned tree felling activity. \*\*\*

**When in October 2016? Start of the month end of the month? If possible date formal request for presence was requested.**

\*\*\* Police officers were utilised during the SCC led tree felling operation, based on the threat and risk assessment undertaken, the potential protest activity and the fact there were to be eight work sites spread over an area that extended over 900 metres.\*\*\*

**Was the risk assessment undertaken by SYP or SCC? When was SYP in its possession, Would it be possible to receive a copy? Redacted if necessary.**

**RESPONSE**

South Yorkshire Police (SYP) has received a significant number of requests for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 relating to SYP's activity and involvement in connection with the recent felling of trees in and around Sheffield.

The Freedom of Information Act provides the public with access to all recorded information held by public authorities (unless the information is exempt). In an attempt to be as open and transparent as possible, and negate the need for individuals to make requests for specific information, we have taken the decision to provide the public with access to all disclosable material by publishing the enclosed documentation in relation to the 'tree felling in Sheffield' within the provision of the FOI Act.

This information can be accessed using the following link. Some information has been withheld under the following exemptions, Section 40 Personal Information and Section 31 Law Enforcement which is also explained and considered within a Harm and Public Interest Test within the notification documentation.

<http://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/foi/disclosurelog/sheffield-tree-felling-2016-2017>

With this in mind, in relation to your specific request, this is all the information we hold.

If you are unhappy with the way your request for information has been handled, you can request a review by following the advice contained in the separate notice enclosed with this correspondence:

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire, SK9 5AF.  
Telephone: 08456 306060 or 01625 545745  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

Yours sincerely

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Please note that police forces in the United Kingdom are routinely required to provide information and statistics to government bodies and the recording criteria is set nationally. However, the systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. It should be noted that for these reasons this forces response to your questions should not be used for the comparison purposes with any other response you may receive.

South Yorkshire Police provides you the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure (copy enclosed). If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Constabulary's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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### **Appeal Process for Freedom of Information**

Using this process will not affect your right to appeal directly to the Information Commissioner. However, it will usually be quicker if matters can be resolved locally using this process.

#### ***Who can appeal?***

Anyone who has requested information from the Force in writing can appeal within 20 working days from the date of the response provided. If you have requested information and you are not satisfied with the way we have dealt with your request, you can use the appeal process to have it looked at again. If someone who requested information would like to appeal but cannot do so themselves you can appeal on their behalf, but it will help us if you

make it clear that you are doing so.

***What can I appeal about?***

You can appeal about the range, amount and format of information we have sent following a request. You can also appeal about the way a request was handled – for example, the time it took to respond, or the way letters were worded.

***How do I appeal?***

You can appeal by writing, emailing or faxing your appeal/complaint to the address below. To deal with your appeal as quickly as possible, it will help if you can give us as much information as you can about the request made, such as the reference number, and the reason for your appeal/ complaint.

***What happens to my appeal?***

Once we have enough details to identify the request you are concerned about, a qualified person, other than the initial decision maker, will deal with the internal review.

***How long does it take?***

Whatever their conclusion, you will be informed of the result as soon as possible, and in any case within 20 days of submitting your appeal.

If you are still not satisfied, you may then appeal to the Information Commissioner.

***Appeal Address***

**Information Compliance Unit South Yorkshire Police Professional Standards  
Department Unit 20 Sheffield 35A Business Park Churchill Way Sheffield S35 2PY**

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