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Dear Ms Evans,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI-2011-00559 & FOI-2011-00560**

I write in connection with your requests for information dated December 2, 2011 which were received by Warwickshire Police on the same day, in which you seek access to the following information:

FOI-2011-00559

*1. Could you please tell me the number of recorded thefts, security breaches and/ or incidents at construction sites in your police force area last 12 full months prior to the receipt of this email, specifically between December 2010-November 2011?*

*2. I would like a breakdown of incidents which have taken place and where they have happened (specific site addresses). Could you tell me what has been damaged or/ and stolen from the site. I would like a detailed breakdown of the type of thefts, or incidents which have taken place (either proven or alleged) and any conviction that has taken place (if this is in your ability to expand).*

& FOI-2011-00560

*1. Could you please tell me the number of recorded thefts, security breaches and/ or incidents at churches in your police force area last 12 full months prior to the receipt of this email, specifically between December 2010-November 2011.*

*2. I would like a breakdown of incidents which have taken place and where they have happened (eg. The graveyard, St Meddans Church, Troon).*

*Could you tell me what has been damaged or/ and stolen from the church. I would like a detailed breakdown of the type of thefts, or incidents which have taken place (either proven or alleged), where the attacks took place (in the church, on the surrounding grounds),*

*and any conviction that has taken place (if this is in your ability to expand).*

Response:

Please note that these two requests have been aggregated for the purposes of the Fees Regulations under Section 12(4)(a) FOIA, since they are on a substantively similar subject. This means that the cost of complying with either of the requests is to taken to be the estimated costs of complying with them all.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act states that a public authority is not obliged to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the costs of complying with the request would exceed the 'appropriate limit'. For Police Forces in the UK this is considered to be up to 18 hours work on one request. as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

It is estimated that it will take approximately 61 hours at the cost of £25 per hour to answer the above requests.

This is because the detailed information requested is not recorded separately for statistical purposes and is therefore not readily identifiable. 'Churches' are named in various ways, each requiring a different search criteria, even then the results produced may not be accurate. Initial searches using the keyword 'Church' has returned 178 incidents reported between December 2010- November 2011. Each incident would have to be further examined to extract those relevant to your request. This would involve a disproportionate amount of effort, which would exceed the fees limit (£450) as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

An estimate of the cost of undertaking manual searches of those 178 incidents alone is £741.66. This has been calculated on the basis of 178 incident records @ approximately 10 minutes per record = 29.6 hours @ £25 per hour = £741.66p.

In addition, similar searches would need to be carried out with regard to building/construction sites, which again could be recorded under various names e.g. building site, construction site, building under construction etc. Initial searches have identified 188 incidents recorded as 'building site' or 'building under construction', these may include building projects carried out at private residents as well as actual construction sites. Again manual searches would be required to extract those relevant to your request, those identified would need to be further examined to establish the specific location and the items stolen or damaged. An estimate of the cost of those searches is £783.33p. This has been calculated on the basis of 188 incident records @ approximately 10 minutes per record = 31.3 hours @ £25 per hour = £783.33p.

In accordance with section 12 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, please treat this letter as the refusal notice I am required to provide to you in respect of your requests.

#### Appeal Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of appeal.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter, please do not hesitate to contact this office.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'SHarris'.

Sabina Harris  
Information Compliance Officer



## **WARWICKSHIRE POLICE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION APPEALS PROCEDURE**

This appeals procedure is issued in accordance with paragraph 36 of the Lord Chancellor's Freedom of Information Access Code of Practice.

### **Appeal Notification**

When a Freedom of Information (FOI) applicant, who has made a request for information, is dissatisfied with the response received from Warwickshire Police, the FOI applicant should inform Warwickshire Police in writing (this may be by email) of the reasons why the response is deemed unsatisfactory.

Should a person who feels that Warwickshire Police is not complying with its Publication Scheme, the person should inform Warwickshire Police in writing (this may be by email) of the reasons for their dissatisfaction.

### **Action by Warwickshire Police**

When a dissatisfaction report is received, the circumstances of the dispute will be reviewed initially by the Decision Makers in the Freedom of Information Office.

If the Decision Makers are unable to resolve the dispute with the FOI applicant, the dispute will be referred to a Board comprising a Head of Department and a Chief Officer. The Board will not have been involved in the original decision making process to compile the response.

The Board will consider the dispute and will advise the FOI applicant of their decision as soon as practicable, but within 20 working days.

### **Further Action by FOI Applicant**

If the FOI applicant remains dissatisfied with the Warwickshire Police response, they then have the option to refer the case to the Information Commissioner.