

Our Ref: HA2951

10th February 2023

Dear

Your request under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner requesting information about maintenance and building reports relating to Southampton Central Police Station. Your request was dated 3rd February 2023 and has been given the reference HA2951.

You have requested the following information:

Requests:

“...please could you provide copies of the maintenance/building reports into the state of Southampton Central Police Station that led to the decision to decamp and improve it.”

Responses:

After careful consideration the information you requested cannot be provided at this time. This is because the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner believe it is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the listed exemption at Section 43 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Commercial Interests.

Refusal Notice:

This Refusal Notice has been issued under Section 17 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA). Under Section 1(1) of the FOIA the Office of Police and Crime Commissioner confirms that the information requested is held but we are refusing to provide it in response to the your request for the reasons set out below.

Section 43(1) is a qualified exemption and subject to a public interest test.

Factors favouring disclosure under FOIA	Factors against disclosure under FOIA
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transparency to public over use of public funds. • Reassurance to public that money is being spent in an appropriate manner. • Reassurance to the public that the scope of the works to be undertaken are necessary 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Disclosure would compromise the OPCC position with the construction market. • Information could be used by Commercial entities to inflate project costs. • Increased cost for project risks public confidence and could impact other areas of the policing budget.

Based on this it is our belief that it is not in the public interest to disclose this information.

If you are unhappy with the way this request has been handled or the decision made, you have the right to require the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Hampshire to review the decision. Complaints should be made in writing using the email address: opcc@hampshire.pnn.police.uk . If you are unhappy with the outcome of the review, you can contact the Information Commissioner. Contact details can be found by visiting the website: <https://ico.org.uk/>

Yours sincerely