

Our Reference: HA3886

By email:

Dear

Your request under Freedom of Information Act (FOIA)

Thank you for contacting the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner requesting information about costs of maintaining Bitterne Police Station Your request was dated 3rd July 2023 has been given the reference HA3886

You have requested the following information:

"I would like to know more information as to how much this building has cost us as taxpayers since it was closed. There is the cost of the fencing which has been carried out recently, boarding up costs following vandalism to the empty building, and empty property rates to the Council.

I would be helpful to know also please what the monthly cost is now to keep the building so that I will know that for every month between now and when the building does come back in to use the ongoing cost to taxpayers is."

Responses:

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
Current cost of Bitterne site	The OPCC owns the freehold of the site of the former Bitterne Police Station and as such has obligations under The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974 The Station cost budget £37,000 per annum the most significant cost being the business rates.

	<p>The site closed in 2016. The site has been retained by the OPCC as part of the future use by the Police however at time of this disclosure no firm plans exist. It is not possible to give timescales as to any potential redevelopment.</p> <p>While the building is not in use costs are projected to remain the same (subject to RPI)</p>
<p>Cost of fencing and boarding for Bitterne site</p>	<p>The cost of fencing and boarding recently added to the site as a result of feedback about the condition of the building was at a one off cost of £11,369 plus VAT.</p>

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



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