



30/07/2025

REF: RM/I-Case 1538820 FOI805

Sent via email: [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

RE: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – CON-FOI805

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12th July 2025 under the Freedom of Information Act.

Your request:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I wish to see full copies of any reports and other work produced by Cives Consultancy Ltd.

Our response:

The information that you have requested has been withheld under the following exemption:

- Section 41(1) - Information Provided in Confidence.

Section 41 of the Act states:

(1) Information is exempt information if—

- (a) it was obtained by the public authority from any other person (including another public authority), and
- (b) the disclosure of the information to the public (otherwise than under this Act) by the public authority holding it would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that or any other person.

Section 41 is an absolute and class-based exemption and as such does not require a harm and public interest test. This letter represents a Refusal Notice under the Act.

If you are unhappy about how your request has been handled and wish to make a complaint or request a review of the decision then you should write to:

The Chief Of Staff
Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Valley Road
Portishead
Bristol
BS20 8JJ



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Please note, Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office provides you with the right to request a re-examination of your case under its review procedure. The appeals document is attached for your reference.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the complaints procedure provided by Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner's office. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: <http://ico.org.uk/>.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom of Information Officer

Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioners Office