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Dear Mr Jones

**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: F-2013-01847**

With reference to your request for information received on 19 July 2013, I note you seek access to the following information:

*I am writing to submit a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act. I would like to know the following:*

1. *Has your force used (in a trial or otherwise) or considered using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)?*

2. *If your force has not considered using UAVs, could you state why not?*

3. *If your force has used or plans to use UAVs in a trial or other capacity, could you please provide:*

- a. The dates, times and locations of the trials.*
- b. The purposes for which they were/are to be carried out.*
- c. The manufacturer and model of the UAV used/to be used.*

4. *Has any sort of plan or timetable been produced by the force in order to make preparations for the introduction of UAVs?*

*a. If so, please provide a copy of the plan/timetable.*

5. *Have any force representatives held discussions with representatives of UAV manufacturers or manufacturers' industry bodies on the issue of the introduction of UAVs? If so, please can you provide:*

*a. Dates, times and agendas of the meetings; b. Minutes of the meetings.*

6. *Have any force representatives held discussions with representatives of other police forces in relation to the use of UAVs?*

*If so, please can you provide:*

*a. Dates, times and agendas of the meetings; b. Minutes of the meetings.*

7. *Has your force received from central or local government or the Association of Chief Police Officers any instructions, advice, recommendations, guidance or information relating to police use of UAVs?*

a. If so, please provide a copy of the documents provided.

8. Has your force designated a single point of contact (SPOC) for unmanned aerial systems?

*I would prefer to receive the information in electronic format, although if this is not possible my postal address is:*

Following your request, searches were conducted at Bedfordshire Police for information relating to aerial drones etc. these searches failed to locate any records / documents relevant to your request. Accordingly I have determined that the information to which you seek access is not held by Bedfordshire Police.

Additionally, Bedfordshire Police can neither confirm nor deny that we hold any other information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemption:

Section 23(5) Information relating to security bodies listed at Section 23 (3)

Section 23 Information supplied by, or relating to, bodies dealing with security matters  
*(5) The duty to confirm or deny does not arise if, or to the extent that, compliance with section 1(1)(a) would involve the disclosure of any information (whether or not already recorded) which was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies specified in subsection (3).*

This is an absolute exemption and I am therefore not required to complete a public interest test.

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

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Bedfordshire Police. Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely



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