FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: F-2012-00067

REQUEST DETAILS:

- 1. "How many "drones" (Unmanned Aircraft Systems and/or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles) does the force currently have at its disposal?
- 2. If none, does the force plan to introduce drones? Please provide details of meetings where this has been discussed.
- 3. How many drones has the force had access to over the last three years?
- 4. How many times have the drones (if any) been deployed in each of the last three years
- 5. How many requests has the force made to the Civil Aviation Authority for permission to fly drones?
- 6. How many such requests have been declined? "

RESPONSE:

Suffolk Constabulary has considered your request for information and our response is below.

- 1. None.
- 2. Suffolk Constabulary hold no information in relation to your request.
- 3. None.
- 4. N/a
- 5. None.
- 6. N/a

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

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