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**Your ref:**                              **Our ref:** COL/13/577

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Dear Chris,

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION REF: COL/13/577**

I write in connection with your request for information dated 18 July 2013 in which you seek access to the following information:

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?*

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*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?*

### Questions 1 – 8

The City of London Police holds no information in relation to this request.

### **Additional Information**

The above answer does not include information that may relate to any of the security bodies listed in Section 23(3) of the Freedom of Information Act.

The City of London Police can neither confirm nor deny that it holds additional information as the duty in section 1(1) (a) of the Freedom of Information Act does not apply, by virtue of the following exemptions:

#### Section 23(5) - Information Relating to Security Bodies

Information is exempt by virtue of section 23 if it was directly or indirectly supplied to the public authority by, or relates to, any of the bodies dealing with security matters specified in subsection (3). 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 such information. This is a class-based exemption and it is not necessary to demonstrate the potential for harm to occur. It is also an absolute exemption and it is not subject to an assessment of the public interest

Should you have any further questions regarding your request, please contact me via e-mail, letter or telephone, quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

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