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Dear Member of the public

Freedom of Information Request Reference No: FOI 517/11/12

I write in connection with your request for information received by the Norfolk Constabulary on the 9th January 2012 in which you sought access to the following information:

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?

Norfolk Constabulary does not hold information relevant to your request.

Response to your Request

Norfolk Constabulary does not have any ‘drones’ and holds no information regarding the introduction of the use of drones.

Additionally, Norfolk 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:

- Section 23(5) Information supplied by, or concerning, certain security bodies.

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 we are therefore not required to complete a public interest test.
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Should you have any further queries concerning this request, please contact me quoting the reference number shown above.