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Dear Mr Jones

I write in connection with the above-referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request submitted on 19/07/2013. Thames Valley Police has now considered this request, which for clarity, has been repeated below:

<u>Request</u>	<u>Response</u>
<i>1. Has your force used (in a trial or otherwise) or considered using unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)?</i>	1)Our force has not used unmanned aerial vehicles.
<i>2. If your force has not considered using UAVs, could you state why not?</i>	2) Thames Valley Police does not hold this information.
<i>3. If your force has used or plans to use UAVs in a trial or other capacity, could you please provide:</i> <i>a. The dates, times and locations of the trials.</i> <i>b. The purposes for which they were/are to be carried out.</i> <i>c. The manufacturer and model of the UAV used/to be used.</i>	3)No information is held.
<i>4. Has any sort of plan or timetable been produced by the force in order to make preparations for the introduction of UAVs?</i> <i>a. If so, please provide a copy of the plan/timetable.</i>	4) Thames Valley Police does not hold a plan or timetable.
<i>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:</i>	5)No information is held.



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<p><i>a. Dates, times and agendas of the meetings;</i> <i>b. Minutes of the meetings.</i></p> <p><i>6. 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?</i> <i>a. If so, please provide a copy of the documents provided.</i></p> <p><i>7. Has your force designated a single point of contact (SPOC) for unmanned aerial systems?</i></p>	<p>6) No information is held.</p> <p>7) Thames Valley Police does not have a SPOC for this issue specifically.</p>
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Additionally, in accordance with Section 23(3): Information supplied by or concerning certain security bodies, Thames Valley Police can neither confirm nor deny that any other information is held. This exemption is absolute and therefore it is not necessary for us to consider any public interest in confirmation/denial.

Complaint Rights

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Thames Valley Police, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within two months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI inbox; publicaccess@thamesvalley.pnn.police.uk.

If, after lodging a complaint with Thames Valley Police, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please contact me quoting the above reference number if you would like to discuss this matter further.

If you require any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact this unit.

Yours sincerely

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