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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST – FOI 1277/25 Fleet Vehicles

I refer to your request for information which was received by Cumbria Constabulary on 3rd September 2025. I note you seek access to the following information:

Specifically, I would like details regarding police fleet vehicles, both current and former, including whether they are/were marked or unmarked. If it is not possible to provide information on current vehicles for operational or security reasons, I would be grateful if you could instead provide information on ex-police vehicles.

To clarify, I am seeking the following:

- *Vehicle Registration Mark (VRM)*
- *Vehicle make and model*
- *Whether the vehicle is/was marked or unmarked*
- *Confirmation of whether it is a current fleet vehicle or an ex-police vehicle*

Your request for information has now been considered and I can confirm that the information you seek is held by Cumbria Constabulary, however, I am not obliged to disclose some of the requested information to you.

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act requires a public authority, when claiming information is exempt information, serve the applicant with a notice which-

- (a) States that fact
- (b) Specifies the exemption in question, and
- (c) States (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The exemptions which apply are: -

- **Section 40(2) – Personal Information**
- **Section 31 (1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement**

Section 40(2) – Personal Information

This exemption states any information to which a request for information relates is also exempt information if it constitutes personal data..... and

- (a) It constitutes personal data which does not fall within subsection (1), and
- (b) The first, second or third condition below is satisfied.



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(3A) the first condition is that the disclosure of the information to a member of the public otherwise under this Act-

(a) Would contravene any of the data protection principles.

This exemption is a class-based, absolute exemption which means it is not necessary to evidence the harm that would arise from disclosure and nor is there a requirement to undertake a public interest test.

This exemption applies because the information held by the Constabulary includes information which relates to living individuals, who would be identified from that information. In this case, disclosure of the registration numbers of vehicles which are no longer owned by Cumbria Constabulary could lead to the identification of those individuals who have purchased the vehicle. It would be unfair to release this information where any person could be identified from the data and in this case the right to privacy outweighs any public interest in release.

Therefore, I am satisfied that Section 40(2) Personal Information exemption is applicable to the release of the information.

Section 31 (1)(a)(b) - Law Enforcement

Section 31 is a prejudice based, qualified exemption and there is a requirement to describe the harm that will be caused if the exempt information is disclosed and to consider if the public interest considerations in favour of maintaining the exemption outweigh the considerations in favour of releasing the information.

I have set out my views on these issues below for your information.

Harm

It is important to stress that disclosures under the Freedom of Information Act are disclosures to the world, not just to the individual making the request, and such responses may be published on a public facing disclosure log.

Disclosing the details of unmarked and armed response vehicles owned by Cumbria Constabulary could cause subsequent harm to the Constabulary's ability to protect the public it serves and would prejudice its ability to perform core functions such as the prevention and detection of crime. Releasing such specific information about the Constabulary's fleet would give individuals the intelligence required to understand the type of fleet vehicles currently used by the Constabulary for those purposes, which would disrupt police activity and disclose police capability to criminals within Cumbria. Full disclosure would also provide and enable targeted malicious actions, whether this is in the form of an attack on an operational unit or by avoiding that unit.

Additionally, providing the VRM's of the force's fleet may provide criminals with opportunities to benefit or to extend risks to the public. Marked police vehicles are often exempt from toll and congestion charges facilitated by automatic recognition of VRN; cloned vehicles would avoid these charges. Decommissioned police vehicles are sold at public auction and will re-appear in domestic use, usually driven by members of the public. Lists of VRNs accessible by criminals, such as Organised Crime Gangs (even if out of date), may potentially expose unaware members of public to direct challenge and/or risk of harm. Detailed VRN listings will potentially enable a criminal gang to understand the Force's capability, through the volumes and types of vehicles being operated; for example numbers of ARVs and RPU (Roads Policing Unit / Traffic), comparative to other models.

The disclosure of information which is likely to undermine the Police service's ability to serve the public in preventing and detecting crime can only be considered as being harmful to the public.



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Public Interest Test

Factors favouring disclosure- Placing this information into the public domain would demonstrate the resources Cumbria Constabulary have to assist us in preventing and detecting crime. This would also reassure the public that we are being as open and transparent as possible with them.

Factors against disclosure- Releasing this information would inform the public - but more importantly, those with criminal intent - of our covert capabilities. Doing so would compromise law enforcement tactics and would allow those with criminal intent to gain valuable information regarding vehicles used in covert or Armed Response matters. This would put the public at a greater risk as these individuals would use this information to evade capture, thus hindering our ability to prevent and detect crime. The result of this would be a diminished trust in the Force, an increase in crime being seen and a severe impact to our resources.

Balance test

Although there is a public interest in transparency and openness between Cumbria Constabulary and the public, in addition to the public seeing how we are engaging with the threat from criminals, there is a stronger interest in ensuring the public are protected from this threat. We must also ensure the enforcement of the law, and the prevention and detection of crime is upheld. To provide a disclosure which is likely to assist offenders would seriously undermine the effective delivery of operational law enforcement and is therefore exempt from disclosure.

For the issues outlined above the balance lies in favour of non-disclosure for part of your request.

Notwithstanding the above, in anticipation it will still be of interest to you, it is possible to provide you with some of the information requested in the remaining questions, as it was possible to retrieve this information directly. This is information I would otherwise have advised you to submit a revised request to seek disclosure of in accordance with the duty to provide advice and assistance.

The make/model of current marked police fleet vehicles.

<u>Make/Model</u>
FORD TRANSIT
SKODA KAROQ
FORD TRANSIT
FORD TRANSIT
TOYOTA COROLLA
TOYOTA COROLLA
TOYOTA COROLLA
TOYOTA COROLLA
VOLVO V60
TOYOTA COROLLA
TOYOTA COROLLA
TOYOTA COROLLA
FORD TRANSIT
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FORD TRANSIT
VOLVO V90
VOLVO V90
VOLVO V90
VOLVO V90
VAUXHALL VIVARO
VAUXHALL VIVARO
VAUXHALL VIVARO
FORD TRANSIT
FORD TRANSIT
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FORD TRANSIT
VAUXHALL VIVARO
VAUXHALL VIVARO
VAUXHALL VIVARO
VAUXHALL VIVARO
FORD TRANSIT
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FORD TRANSIT
FORD KUGA
FORD TRANSIT
FORD TRANSIT
SKODA KODIAQ
SKODA KODIAQ
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VOLVO V60
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VOLVO V60
FORD TRANSIT
MERCEDES SPRINTER
MERCEDES SPRINTER
MERCEDES SPRINTER
VOLVO S60
VOLVO V60
TOYOTA HILUX
SKODA SUPERB
BMW i3
SKODA KODIAQ
SKODA KODIAQ
SKODA KODIAQ
SKODA OCTAVIA
BMW i3
BMW i3
BMW i3
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FORD TRANSIT
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FORD TRANSIT
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SKODA OCTAVIA
TOYOTA HILUX
TOYOTA HILUX
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FORD TRANSIT
BMW R1200
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BMW R1200
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SKODA YETI
MERCEDES SPRINTER
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MERCEDES SPRINTER
VAUXHALL VIVARO
FORD KUGA

The make/model of former marked police fleet vehicles.

<u>Make/Model</u>
PEUGEOT EXPERT
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PEUGEOT EXPERT
VOLVO V70
VAUXHALL MOVANO
FORD TRANSIT
LANDROVER FREELANDER
LANDROVER FREELANDER
LANDROVER FREELANDER
LANDROVER FREELANDER
FORD FOCUS
FORD FOCUS
LANDROVER FREELANDER
LANDROVER FREELANDER
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FORD TRANSIT
LANDROVER FREELANDER
FORD TRANSIT
FORD TRANSIT
FORD TRANSIT CONNECT
FORD TRANSIT CONNECT
VOLVO V70
FORD TRANSIT CONNECT
PEUGEOT EXPERT
SUBARU IMPREZA
FORD TRANSIT
PEUGEOT EXPERT
VAUXHALL VIVARO
LANDROVER FREELANDER
HYUNDAI iX35
FORD TRANSIT
FORD TRANSIT
PEUGEOT EXPERT
PEUGEOT EXPERT
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FORD TRANSIT
FORD TRANSIT
FORD TRANSIT
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FORD TRANSIT
HYUNDAI TUCSON
LANDROVER FREELANDER
VOLVO V70
VOLVO V70
PEUGEOT EXPERT
FORD TRANSIT CONNECT
FORD TRANSIT CONNECT
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FORD TRANSIT
FORD TRANSIT
VAUXHALL VIVARO
VAUXHALL VIVARO
VAUXHALL VIVARO
VAUXHALL VIVARO
VOLVO V70
VW CRAFTER
VW CRAFTER
VAUXHALL VIVARO
PEUGEOT EXPERT
CITROEN RELAY
PEUGEOT EXPERT
PEUGEOT EXPERT
VW TRANSPORTER
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PEUGEOT EXPERT
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PEUGEOT EXPERT
FORD TRANSIT
VOLVO V70
FORD TRANSIT
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VOLVO V70
HYUNDAI iX35
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PEUGEOT EXPERT



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Whilst every care has been taken in the retrieval of the information provided, please do not hesitate to contact us for clarification, if you do have any issues or queries relating to this data.

Complaint Rights

If you believe your request has not been properly handled, or you are otherwise dissatisfied with the outcome of your request, you have the right to request an internal review.

In the first instance, please email freedomofinformation@cumbria.police.uk quoting the FOI reference number and explain why you are dissatisfied. Your complaint will be considered and a response will be provided to you after your complaint has been investigated.

If you remain dissatisfied following conclusion of the internal review, you have the right, under section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to complain directly to the Information Commissioner.

The address for the Information Commissioner can be found below:

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF

Complaints to the Information Commissioner can also be made online:

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I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in Cumbria Constabulary.

