

27th September 2018

Freedom of Information Request – Reference No:20181466

REQUEST

I have been reviewing the information from Operation Quito and I have noticed that the council was planning to stop felling trees on the 22nd March 2018 and the reason in an email sent by Paul McCurry on the 11th March 2018 at 20:16 it states that operation Quito will be suspended due to the Wildlife Act.

please could you supply me with

- 1) The section of the Wildlife act that has caused this suspension.*
- 2) Any emails or communication between South Yorkshire Police that are linked to the discussion of the suspension because of the wild life act. This information is missing from the Operation Quito web page (<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/operation-quito-tree-felling-from-jan-2018/>)*

CLARIFICATION

South Yorkshire Police has received a number of similar requests to yours in the past.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/wildlife-countryside-act-ref-20180541/>

Thank you for sending me the reply. I have tried to find the answers to my questions with this information but I will require additional help.

After "This information is missing from the Operation Quito web page " Thank you for sending me a link but the first link is broken and the second link is to a web page with every information request you have ever published, all 170 pages of them. Please could you narrow down the relevant section.

- 3) the link for question 3 takes me to a FOI about the Wildlife act but does not contain an answer to any of my questions.*

if you feel that question 2 is rather onerous It would very much like the answer to question one which is 1) Which is the section of the Wildlife act that has caused this suspension

RESPONSE

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you 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 following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

Section 21 *'Information which is reasonably accessible by other means'*.

All emails and communications regarding the subject of Op Quito and Op Testate were considered for release into the public domain in accordance with the Freedom of Information Act and the relevant exemptions applied. All communications that triggered the exemptions shown on the 'Op Quito.Testate – Response' document were omitted accordingly.

Please see the link below, to which exemptions have been used.

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/media/2020/op-quitotestate-response-exemptions-publish.pdf>

All released information:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/right-to-information/categories-of-significant-interest/>

Q2: From previous FOI requests on this subject, it has been disclosed assessments were conducted by Amey and they halted felling accordingly. This is stated in the link I provided above to earlier FOI request 20180541 – Q3

This operation is conducted by Amey who must comply with the relevant legislation and procedures.

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