

FOI 2026-042

I write in connection with your request dated 9th January 2026 concerning the proposed new Police Hub at Old Sarum.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to handle all requests in a manner that is blind as to the identity and motives of the requestor. Any information released as a response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

Following receipt of your request, research was conducted by the Office of Police Crime and Commissioner.

Your request for information has now been considered and I am able to respond as follows.

You Wrote

Please provide the full details of the cost of the proposed site for a new headquarters for South Wiltshire at Old Sarum airfield.

Response

Your request asks for “the full details of the cost”, when in reality no single settled cost exists yet, and what is held is deliberately high-level, indicative, and programme-level, precisely to avoid premature or commercially sensitive disclosure. Our response in respect of your request is therefore – **No Information Held**.

However, under our section 16 duty to be as helpful as possible to an applicant I can confirm the following information to you :-

Our current MTFS has an appendix on the Capital Plan and there is a clear line to suggest the Land (and building) capital plan for Old Sarum / Southern Hub. This document is already in the public domain and can be found at the following link :-

www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/SysSiteAssets/assets/4.-how-your-money-is-spent/3.-finance-documents/mtfs/wiltshire-police-opcc-medium-term-financial-strategy-mtfs-2025---26-2028---29.pdf

The Southern Hub / Old Sarum scheme is a long-term capital programme, covering land acquisition, planning, enabling works, construction and commissioning over several financial years. The project has not yet reached Outline Business Case (OBC) or Full Business Case (FBC) approval, and therefore no final or fully detailed cost breakdown exists at this stage.

Cost Information Disclosed

The MTFS sets out the following recorded information:

- The Southern Hub at Old Sarum represents the most significant capital investment undertaken by Wiltshire Police in a generation.
- The MTFS includes an indicative capital cost envelope of approximately £25.7 million, which reflects:
 - land acquisition costs
 - benchmarked construction estimates

- professional and technical fees
 - utilities connections and enabling works
 - specialist storage and fit-out requirements
 - biodiversity net gain and planning-related costs.
- In addition, approximately £1.1 million of revenue-funded preparatory and feasibility costs are assumed, primarily in the early stages of the programme.
- The programme is expected to be phased over the period 2025/26 to 2029/30, with:
 - early expenditure focused on land purchase, planning, legal and technical due diligence
 - the principal construction phase occurring in later years
 - final commissioning and activation towards the end of the period.
- These figures represent working estimates only, used for affordability and financial planning purposes, and will be refined at each formal decision gateway in line with HM Treasury Green Book methodology and the Prudential Code.

The MTFS also makes clear that inclusion of these figures does not constitute approval to proceed, and that any commitment of expenditure is subject to appropriate governance, assurance and business case approval.