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I write in connection with your request for information dated 16th May 2014 concerning Salisbury Custody.

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 requester. 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, searches were conducted within the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC). I can confirm that the information you have requested is held in part by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Your request has now been considered and it is not possible to meet your requirements in full.

1) The cost of procuring the land at the Railways shed

The cost of the Railway Shed land is £600,000

2) Any information regarding contamination to the land at that site, including costs to rectify the any contamination.

The land has contamination related to its previous use as an engine shed, including asbestos. The cost of remediation is not held by this office as Wiltshire Council will pick up this cost.

3) Any information regarding the commissioning of the new custody suite, to include details of any tenders, contracts and proposed costs.

This information is commercially sensitive as the terms have yet to be settled and contracts have yet to be signed, as such this information is exempt under s.43(2) Commercial Interests. This is a qualified exemption which requires the application of a Public Interest Test, balanced against any harm that could be caused by disclosure. Information on tenders and contracts, once agreed, will be published at a later date, as directed in the Elected Local Policing Bodies Order 2011.

Factors favouring disclosure:

This matter involves public money and it is in the interest of the public to see how their money is spent

Factors against disclosure:

Disclosure of this information prior to the signing of contracts could harm the final agreements, potentially increase the cost to the public purse or be otherwise commercially damaging.

4) Details of what remedial work was required to bring the existing custody suite up to Home Office standards. Please include the full costs of this work and any tenders/quotes that exist.

No information held

Exemptions:

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the PCC, when refusing to provide 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 be otherwise apparent) why the exemption applies. In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice for those aspects of your request.

Exemptions applied:

Section 43: Commercial Interests

Information is exempt information if its disclosure under this Act would, or would be likely to prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the public authority holding it).

I am satisfied that all the relevant information has been passed to me, and been considered in the light of your request, within the time constraints applicable under the legislation.