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Subject: Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) Request 718/23 - Jesmond

Provision of information held by Northumbria Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the 'Act')

Thank you for your email received on the 03 May 2023 in which you made a request for access to certain information which may be held by Northumbria Police.

As you may be aware the purpose of the Act is to allow a general right of access to information held at the time of a request, by a Public Authority (including the Police), subject to certain limitations and exemptions.

We have now had the opportunity to fully consider your request and I provide a response for your attention.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted with Central Area Command of Northumbria Police. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held in part by Northumbria Police.

I am able to disclose the located information to you as follows.

You asked:

1. The name/rank of the Lead Officer in Northumbria Police Force in the matter of liaising internally with colleagues and externally with the Newcastle City Council

The Lead Officer for all matters regarding the Jesmond Community is Chief Inspector 7423 Wheeler who has responsibility for the Communities Portfolio within

the organisation. In relation to this matter, the sector Neighbourhood Inspector, Anita Morgan has taken the lead in relation to communications with the relevant parties and the local authority. [Jesmond and Heaton : Northumbria Police](#) You may wish to contact Inspector Morgan direct if you have further queries on this matter at the link provided above from the Northumbria Police website.

2. Full disclosure of the Minutes from any meetings held internally where the imposition of the Jesmond Low Traffic Neighbourhood was discussed as an Agenda item

a. Prior to the imposition of the LTN on 6th March 2023

b. Post imposition of the LTN in Jesmond when further road closures were agreed

c. Disclosure of any emails/correspondence from the Lead Officer to other Police colleagues/Management teams concerning the imposition of the Jesmond LTN scheme

In relation to points a and b, Northumbria Police are not in possession of any minutes regarding this matter. Internal conversations have taken place between CI Wheeler and Inspector Morgan, but there have been no minutes documented as a result of these conversations. I can confirm that neither Inspector Morgan or Ch Insp Wheeler have attended any official meetings held externally with the local authority.

With regards to point c we have been provided with the below correspondence in relation to the specifics of this submission at this point.

“Police have received plans for an experimental traffic regulation order, which has been implemented with effect from March 2023. This order has resulted in the implementation of bollards that intersect the streets of: Osborne Avenue, Shortridge Terrace, Buston Terrace, Aegean Street and Cavendish Road. Following the implementation of this, police have subsequently become aware of further bollards implemented on Grosvenor Road. In effect, this prevents any through traffic in the area of Jesmond Dene Road and Osborne Road at all times. Careful consideration has been given to the impact that this may have from the perspective of Northumbria Police’s ability to deliver effective service in the area. Our considerations are as follows:

- This implementation is likely and has increased the time taken to deploy to incidents in the area of Jesmond. This is due to an overall increase in traffic in the area of Jesmond Road up to its junction with Osborne Road. Whilst police drivers are able to respond to certain incidents whilst exempted from specific traffic regulations, this only applies to appropriately trained police drivers whilst responding to the most urgent of incidents. The majority of incidents attended would therefore result in police response times extended due to the high volume of traffic in the southern region of Jesmond and Sandyford. Police colleagues providing patrols to Jesmond are based at Clifford Street Police Station in Byker, which necessitates an approach from this direction
- As the bollards which have been erected have been placed to the central junctions of each affected street, this presents a unique risk of further delaying response times. This is due to the bollards intersecting the door numbers in the middle of the street. It would not be clear when responding to an incident whether the target address is accessible from the east (Jesmond Dene Road) or west (Osborne Road). In a time critical incident, this can make a substantial difference to our response times
- In the event of a police van or carrier attending any street in the applicable area, the existing road layout means that it is not possible to turn such vehicles around. Prior to the installation of the bollards, this risk is remedied by the driver simply exiting the street in their initial direction of travel. However this is no longer possible and results in the requirement for protracted reversing onto a main road. This manoeuvre is exacerbated when the driver is responding to a subsequent urgent callout.
- Operating Oak is a joint partnership operation funded by the local universities which deals with student ASB, crime prevention and safeguarding. As such officers patrol the Jesmond area and attend any such reported incidents. Due to the restrictions in place this is adding additional traveling time to officers who may need to travel from the east to the west of the area and to do this use the main arterial roads as opposed to utilising the previous through roads.
- Not only will there be added time attending incidents due to the restrictions but our fuel consumption will be greater.

From a policing perspective, our overall consideration is that the implementation of this TRO is likely to adversely impact our ability to provide effective policing in the area.”

3. Dates of Meetings attended by the Lead Officer or other designated officer with the City Council

a. Disclosure of Minutes concerning the Jesmond LTN imposition

b. Disclosure of Agreements from the said meetings with respect to Northumbria Police Service delivery

c. Disclosure of the Impact Assessment on Service delivery post imposition of the Jesmond LTN

Inspector Morgan had a meeting on 2nd May 2023 with the Local Authority Transport Team. This was an informal meeting via Teams. Northumbria Police are not in possession of any minutes from any official meetings regarding this matter.

The concerns highlighted by Police in relation to this were raised by Inspector Morgan with regards to the impact this would potentially have on response times within the designated area. Northumbria Police remain in consultation with the Local Authority.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that these data have been extracted from a number of data sources used by forces for police purposes. The detail collected to respond specifically to your request is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large scale recording system. As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when interpreting those data.

The figures provided therefore are our best interpretation of relevance of data to your request, but you should be aware that the collation of figures for ad hoc requests may have limitations and this should be taken into account when those data are used.

If you decide to write an article / use the enclosed data we would ask you to take into consideration the factors highlighted in this document so as to not mislead members of the public or official bodies, or misrepresent the relevance of the whole or any part of this disclosed material.

Due to the different methods of recording information across 43 forces, a specific response from one constabulary should not be seen as an indication of what

information could be supplied (within cost) by another. Systems used for recording these figures are not generic, nor are the procedures used locally in capturing the data. For this reason responses between forces may differ, and should not be used for comparative purposes.

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The Disclosure Log contains copies of some of the information that has been disclosed by Northumbria Police in response to requests made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Whilst it is not possible to publish all responses we will endeavour to publish those where we feel that the information disclosed is in the wider public interest.

The Disclosure Log will be updated once responses have been sent to the requester.

I have provided the relevant link below.

<https://beta.northumbria.police.uk/about-us/publications-and-documents/accessing-information/disclosure-log/>