

20th August 2020

Freedom of Information Request - Reference No: 20201707

REQUEST

I am seeking to ascertain when and how SYP became aware of the Forestry Commission's investigation into the legality of street tree felling in Sheffield pursuant to the Streetsahead contract and also identify if this had any effect in altering policing policy and allocation of resources.

Please provide all information held associated with and including any subsequent discussions related to the Forestry Commission's investigation.

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 exemption applicable to your request falls under Section 21.

Section 21 '*Information which is reasonably accessible to the applicant*'.

The information you are requesting has previously been published on the South Yorkshire Police website and can be accessed via the link below:

<https://www.southyorkshire.police.uk/find-out/accessing-information/request-information-under-the-freedom-of-information-act/op-quito-forestry-commission-ref-20181439/>

I also recontacted the Superintendent for Neighbourhood and Partnerships who is Force Lead to see if there was any update, he has advised:

Yes is still stands, I have not had any contact with the Forestry Commission.