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### REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2018/03809

I write in connection with your request for information received on 12th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

**I'd like to request the following information under the Freedom of Information Act. I'm happy to receive a response electronically.**

- 1) The number of thefts or robberies on the streets using mopeds/motorbikes so far this year (if known)?
- 2) The number of thefts or robberies on the streets using mopeds/motorbikes between 2016/2017?
- 3) The number of thefts or robberies on the streets using mopeds/motorbikes between 2015/2016?
- 4) The number of thefts or robberies on the streets using mopeds/motorbikes between 2014/2015?
- 5) The number of thefts or robberies on the streets using mopeds/motorbikes between 2013/2014?
  
- 6) The total number of crimes committed using mopeds/bikes so far this year?
- 7) The total number of crimes committed using mopeds/bikes between 2016/2017?
- 8) The total number of crimes committed using mopeds/bikes between 2015/2016?
- 9) The total number of crimes committed using mopeds/bikes between 2014/2015?
- 10) The total number of crimes committed using mopeds/bikes between 2013/2014?

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

Following enquiries within the Constabulary please see our response below.

**Response** - In order to be able to answer the questions above we would have to identify all crimes with words 'moped' or 'bike' mentioned in the text – and then identify what role the vehicle and its riders had to play in the commission of the crime. This would involve reading the free text fields of the crime report. There were 75 crimes in Hertfordshire in the last three months alone involving the word 'moped', whether stolen property, used in crime, damaged property, belonging to witness etc. – let alone identifying the 'bikes' and sorting the motorbikes from the pedal cycles.

Unfortunately this means it is not possible to suggest a way to refine this request, as even if the date range were reduced it would still require hundreds of records to be manually checked.

We therefore, consider that the cost of complying with your request for information would exceed the appropriate limit of £450 as has been stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees & Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004.

Section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 provides that –  
“Section 1(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the appropriate limit.”

Section 17(5) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires Hertfordshire Constabulary, when refusing to provide such information (because the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit) to provide you the applicant with a notice which states that fact.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000 this letter acts as a Refusal Notice under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Hertfordshire Constabulary provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Hertfordshire Constabulary if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.