

## **Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**

### **Decision notice**

**Date:** 9 November 2022

**Public Authority:** The Royal Parks  
**Address:** The Old Police House  
Hyde Park  
London  
W2 2UH

#### **Decision (including any steps ordered)**

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1. The complainant requested information from The Royal Parks ("TRP") about crime, anti-social behaviour and safety in Greenwich Park. TRP provided some information within the scope of part 5 of the request but stated it does not hold any information within scope of parts 1-4 of the request.
2. The Commissioner's decision is that, on the balance of probabilities, TRP does not hold any further information within the scope of the request, beyond that which it has already disclosed.
3. The Commissioner does not require TRP to take any steps.

#### **Request and response**

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4. On 13 April 2022, the complainant wrote to TRP and requested information in the following terms (numbering altered for ease of reference):
  - "1. How many incidents of crime taking place within Greenwich Park were reported to the Parks Police/Parks Management within the last year April 2021 – April 2022?

2. How many incidents of anti social behaviour taking place within Greenwich Park were reported to the Parks Police/Parks Management within the last year April 2021 – April 2022?
3. Please give a brief description of the nature of crime and ASB reports for all categories?
4. Please give the gender / gender identity of perpetrators and victims?

I am concerned about the personal safety of people who walk through Greenwich Park when it is dark. There is poor lighting along the Avenue which is a main thoroughfare used by pedestrians to enter and exit Greenwich Park.

5. What measures will Parks management be taking to improve safety for all park users particularly when using the Park at night and during times of darkness?"
5. TRP provided some information in response to part 5 of the request and stated that it did not hold the information requested in parts 1-4 of the request. It advised the complainant to direct parts 1-4 of the request to the Metropolitan Police Service. At internal review TRP upheld its position and provided contact details for the Metropolitan Police Service and further context for the information it had provided in response to part 5 of the request.

## **Reasons for decision**

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### **Section 1(1) – duty to provide information held**

6. TRP's explanation as to why it does not hold the information requested in parts 1-4 of the request is that policing Greenwich Park is the responsibility of the Metropolitan Police Service, not TRP. The Commissioner accepts this explanation as to why TRP does not hold the information requested in parts 1-4 of the request.
7. The Commissioner's decision is therefore that on the balance of probabilities, no further information falling within the scope of the request is held by TRP.

## Right of appeal

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8. Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRC & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
LEICESTER,  
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0300 1234504

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: [grc@justice.gov.uk](mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk)

Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber)

9. If you wish to appeal against a decision notice, you can obtain information on how to appeal along with the relevant forms from the Information Tribunal website.
10. Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Signed .....**

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**Information Commissioner's Office**  
**Wycliffe House**  
**Water Lane**  
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