**FOI Ref: OPCC 28 - 2025**

**Request: Dated 29TH September 2025**

**Request:**

Dear Donna,

Thank you for providing the information. I would like to request, by freedom of information, some further information as follows:

1. In the information you kindly provided the following statement is given:

* *14th of November 2023 - A paper was provided regarding the Force’s site assessments for requirements locally to the following areas: Crickhowell, Hay on Wye, Llanfyllin, Narberth, Llandeilo, Llandovery Stations. A decision was made to support the direction of travel, however the final decision will need to be pended for a final decision in May 2024. Minutes are available here:* [*https://www.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk/media/3xdbl5tm/policing-board-minutes-141123-1.docx*](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dyfedpowys-pcc.org.uk%2Fmedia%2F3xdbl5tm%2Fpolicing-board-minutes-141123-1.docx&data=05%7C02%7C%7Ca05d74fae282426283ac08de01cd1c69%7C396836551d974b22be8c246da0f47a41%7C0%7C0%7C638950177634210808%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=KzzmnVClGfX70UsksmTk%2BbayhNwm9Oh%2Fulthe9zL2L4%3D&reserved=0)

While the minutes are included in the link, the actual paper is not given. Therefore, please could you provide the paper which details the site assessment for Hay on Wye.

2. Please could you provide a copy of correspondence with the planning authorities.

3. In a meeting held in August this year, your colleague Officer Heddwyn Thomas stated that another site had been approached in Hay on Wye prior to the Fire Station but that agreement was not reached. Please could you send information about the location and when the correspondence took place.

4. Also in the meeting Officer Thomas mentioned that a communication about the siting of the Police Station at Hay on Wye had been communicated to the town council, among others. Please could you provide a copy of this communication.

Thank you for providing this information.

Finally, I was very concerned during the meeting to learn that the close proximity of the police and fire officers would facilitate exchange of information between the two and this was seen as a benefit. When I raised the issue of confidentiality and GDPR there seemed to be a lack of understanding of any issue. While there are many instances that would involve the input of both emergency services, due to the wide remit of both, there are also many other instances that would be relevant for one service but not another. It did not appear that the possibility of serious GDPR failings under this set-up had been given any thought and I would like to raise this point separately. Please could you advise who would be the appropriate department/ person with whom to discuss this issue.

Many thanks again for your support and please let me know if further details are needed to process the requests.

**Response:**

We can confirm that we hold some of the information which you have requested. Where we do not have the information advice is provided on the next steps.

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**While the minutes are included in the link, the actual paper is not given. Therefore, please could you provide the paper which details the site assessment for Hay on Wye.**

The attached report was provided in response to request point 2 of your FOI request dated the 11th of August 2025.

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**2. Please could you provide a copy of correspondence with the planning authorities**

Please find the correspondence trail attached. The Force have also confirmed that instruction has been provided to the planning agent to progress the application for a Certificate of Lawful Proposed Use or Development (CLOPUD). No further update is available at present.

It is important to note that within the copy of the correspondence with the planning authority it incorrectly states that *“would be on an appointment only basis with no drop-in or public facing services available. No police vehicles would leave the premises on blue lights”*. This error has been highlighted with the planning consultant, and any formal application will include the possible use. This has been highlighted within the attached copy.

Please note names and contact details have been redacted to protect the confidentiality of any third-party sources. You will find further information regarding the above exemption using the following link. <https://ico.org.uk/for-organisations/uk-gdpr-guidance-and-resources/exemptions/a-guide-to-the-data-protection-exemptions/>



**3. In a meeting held in August this year, your colleague Officer Heddwyn Thomas stated that another site had been approached in Hay on Wye prior to the Fire Station but that agreement was not reached. Please could you send information about the location and when the correspondence took place.**

Enquiries have been made with Dyfed Powys Police who have confirmed the following:

*“Enquiries were undertaken with Powys County Council in relation to possible amenities in Hay on Wye, historically a Town council facility was considered but it was deemed unsuitable due to the lack of parking amenities. This facility has since now changed ownership. In more recent times the Powys County Council owned Cattle Market office was considered as an option, but the future of the facility was uncertain as well as it is not able to provide the type of working environment and facilities required. Dyfed Powys Police have not been advised through our enquiries of any other public or blue light sector buildings that could provide the environment required. Private sector office environments have not been investigated due to the operational suitability and affordability of the Fire Station.”*

**4. Also in the meeting Officer Thomas mentioned that a communication about the siting of the Police Station at Hay on Wye had been communicated to the town council, among others. Please could you provide a copy of this communication.**

Please see attached the correspondence sent to Councillors, Member of Parliament and Members of Senedd on the 25th of February 2025.



**5. Finally, I was very concerned during the meeting to learn that the close proximity of the police and fire officers would facilitate exchange of information between the two and this was seen as a benefit. When I raised the issue of confidentiality and GDPR there seemed to be a lack of understanding of any issue. While there are many instances that would involve the input of both emergency services, due to the wide remit of both, there are also many other instances that would be relevant for one service but not another. It did not appear that the possibility of serious GDPR failings under this set-up had been given any thought and I would like to raise this point separately. Please could you advise who would be the appropriate department/ person with whom to discuss this issue.**

Dyfed Powys Police have confirmed that confidentiality and GDPR was discussed and appropriate controls considered and applied as part of the mobilisation. Reassurance has been provided that all materials would be locked away ensuring a clean desk policy is applied. Any sensitive conversation(s) would be held when no other persons are in the room, and or a separate office use on site. If not possible at the time conversations would be coordinated at the Brecon station.

Dyfed Powys Polic’s Information Security Officer is sighted of the project, and Dyfed Powys Police’s Policies and Process applies to all our staff within their duties.

Although should you remain concerns, I would advise that contact is made with the Data Protection department within Dyfed Powys Police. You can contact the department on the below contact methods:

* + Online: [Contact us | Dyfed-Powys Police](https://www.dyfed-powys.police.uk/contact/af/contact-us-beta/contact-us/)
  + Email: [dataprotection@dyfed-powys.police.uk](mailto:dataprotection@dyfed-powys.police.uk)
  + Phone: 101

**Next steps:**

If you are dissatisfied with our response to your request, you have a right to an internal review conducted by someone who was not involved in the handling of your request. You can request a review by contacting our office through the following:

* Email: [opcc@dyfed-powys.police.uk](mailto:opcc@dyfed-powys.police.uk)
* Phone: 01267 226440
* Online: [Dyfed-Powys Police & Crime Commissioner](https://dppopcc.azurewebsites.net/en/contact-us/contact-the-commissioner/)
* Or through the post: Dyfed-Powys Police and Crime Commissioner, OPCC, PO Box 99, Llangunnor, Carmarthen Carmarthenshire, SA31 2PF

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request following an internal review you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner’s Office who can be contacted through the following methods:

* Online:[Make a complaint | ICO](https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/)
* Phone: 0303 123 1113

Live chat service: [Advice services for members of the public | ICO](https://ico.org.uk/global/contact-us/contact-us-public/public-advice/)