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Dear [REDACTED],

Release of Information

Further to our letter of 10 October 2019, I am now in a position to provide you with a substantive response to your request for the following information:

Please could you provide me with the following information about the RN Police Fleet List containing
Vehicle Make
Vehicle Model
Vehicle Base (HMNB Portsmouth etc)
And do RN Police operate from all RN bases and locations?

Your enquiry has been considered to be a request for information in accordance with the Freedom of Information (FOI) Act 2000.

As explained in our interim response, a search was completed within the Ministry of Defence (MOD) and it was confirmed that information in scope of your request was held by the Department however it was considered that some of that information may fall within the scope of the qualified exemptions at Section 24(National Security), Section 26 (Defence) Section 31 (Law Enforcement) and Section 38 (Health and Safety) of the FOI Act.

As these are qualified exemptions, the decision to withhold some of the requested information are subject to a Public Interest Tests (PITs). These have now been conducted and it has been concluded that the balance of public interest favours withholding some of the information in respect of the locations of Royal Navy Police (RNP) vehicles and whether the RNP operate from all Royal Navy bases and locations in its entirety under exemptions Section 26 (Defence) and Section 31(Law Enforcement). Section 24 (National Security) and Section 38 (Health and Safety) does not apply in this instance. It may assist you to understand our decision if I outline the factors that were considered.

It is accepted that there is a public interest in the resources of the Royal Navy Police (RNP) and release of the information would provide assurance that this branch of the Naval Service is resourced appropriately to enable them to deliver their commitments. However, there is also a compelling interest in ensuring that the security and effectiveness of our Armed Forces is not compromised by the release of this information. The RNP provide wide-ranging policing and investigative service to the Naval Service at home and abroad and it is further considered that disclosure of the information you require would aid any hostile forces in improving their techniques, tactics and procedures which could impact on our policing capabilities engaged in Defence activities.

The information we can release to you in respect of the make and models of RNP vehicles can be found detailed in the table below:

Make	Model
Ford	Transit
Ford	Mondeo
Ford	Focus
Vauxhall	Astra
Vauxhall	Vivaro
Landrover	Defender
Landrover	Discovery
Citroen	Dispatch
Citroen	Relay
Skoda	Octavia
Renault	Clio
Kia	Ceed

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

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Yours sincerely

Navy Command Secretariat - FOI Section

