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Request:

While processing information from the [LFB Mobilisation](#) and [Incident Data](#) downloaded from the London datastore I have come across a few problems tracking down events. One of them is that I am unable to find any data regarding engine number H316 from Croydon Fire Station. Can you please confirm that this engine does exist and if so, why it doesn't appear in any of the data.

Response:

H316 is part of the LFB fleet but is not a fire engine (pumping appliance).

The LFB published datasets [London Fire Brigade Mobilisation Records](#) and [London Fire Brigade Incident Records](#) contain the details of every fire engine (pumping appliance) sent to an incident.

The dataset does not include data for specialist appliances (appliances that are not pumps). As you may be aware, the appliance code (callsign) of a vehicle corresponds to a specific LFB fire station and this can be used to determine their base location.

We do not provide a detailed breakdown where LFB vehicles are located as, unfortunately, they can be targeted for theft.

As such, I would consider providing any further details about the callsigns/location of any LFB vehicles (other than pumping appliances) exempt from disclosure under the FOI act under [section 31\(1\)\(a\) - Law enforcement](#). Section 31 is a qualified exemption and I must consider the public interests for and against disclosure.

It is sadly the case that fire stations and appliances are targets for crime and the loss of equipment prevents the LFB from carrying out its public safety duties. I am therefore of the view that it is in the public interest not to disclose information at the detailed level you have requested.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process please see the guidance we publish about making a request [on our website](#).