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**Request:**

*'Slow march' demonstrations that have been carried out by the climate campaign group 'Just Stop Oil'*

*Regarding my second question: 'Additionally, can you confirm whether the MET Police have been in contact with you about these demonstrations, to inquire about the level of disruption the 'slow marches' may or may not be causing to LFB's emergency services.'*

*and the LFB's response: 'Yes, they have contacted us': [https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/7695/74681\\_response.pdf](https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/media/7695/74681_response.pdf)*

*Could you please supply further details and copies of these communications with the MET police as well as your responses.*

**Response:**

By way of background, the Metropolitan Police used their statutory powers, under the DPA 2018, to request some information from the LFB in relation to demonstrations that have been carried out by the climate campaign group 'Just Stop Oil'. The LFB responded to these requests under DPA 2018 Schedule 2, Part 1(2)).

You have asked if we are able to release this information under the FOI act. As the information was provided to a law enforcement agency as part of an investigation, I believe it should be withheld from disclosure under [s31\(1\)\(a\) – Law enforcement](#) of the FOI act.

If the LFB were to release copies of the information we provided to the Metropolitan Police we would be likely to prejudice any investigation that may be taking place. Releasing the information could interfere with the efficiency and effectiveness, or the ability of the Police to conduct their proceedings fairly. I believe this outweighs the public interest in releasing the information under the FOI act and, it is for this reason that I am withholding the information in its entirety.

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](#).