

**Freedom of Information request reference number:** 9026.1

**Date of response:** 2 October 2024

**Request:**

*I am writing to submit a Freedom of Information request regarding the explosion approved and conducted on 31st August 2024 near E16 1FB. I want to request detailed information on the following points:*

*1. Approval of Explosion:*

*1.1 What were the specific reasons for approving this explosion at a location 50 meters away from Faraday School, 200 meters from the Good Luck Hope development and 2km from the London City Airport, right below the flight path?*

*1.2 What was the justification for allowing the filming crew to conduct this explosion in a densely populated area, rather than in a location that would have caused less disturbance to the general public, minors, and residents?*

*2. Risk Management and Public Safety:*

*2.1 Did the LFB complete a risk management analysis or any other safety assessments to ensure public safety before granting approval for this explosion?*

*2.2 Given that the explosion went out of control and required emergency services from the ambulance, police, and fire department (both land and river units) to respond, was this considered an expected risk?*

*2.3 Will anyone be held legally liable for this unexpected explosion? In retrospect, does the LFB believe a mistake was made in granting this approval?*

*3. Emergency Services Response:*

*3.1 How many LFB units were dispatched to the scene following the explosion?*

*3.2 What was the total cost of LFB response, and how long did it take for the services to arrive at the scene?*

*4. Public Notification: Why was no prior notice given to the general public living nearby about the planned explosion?*

*6. Access for Emergency Services and Potential Design Flaws: It has been observed through residents' photos that emergency vehicles faced difficulties entering Orchard Place due to the narrowness of the streets and the presence of street parking. Was the council aware of these access issues, and were they considered during the approval process? Is there a design flaw in the layout of the streets in this area? Is there a need to widen the streets or reconsider the*

*current street parking arrangements to ensure emergency vehicles can access the area more easily in the future?*

### *7. Company Details and Filming Purpose:*

*7.1 Which company applied for approval to conduct this explosion?*

*7.2 What was the specific purpose of the filming that necessitated an explosion at this location? I would appreciate a detailed response to each of the above questions. If any of the information requested is not available, please provide a reason for its unavailability.*

### **Response:**

Please see the response your questions below.

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**It would not be appropriate for the LFB to comment on the question of legal liability**

#### *3. Emergency Services Response:*

*3.1 How many LFB units were dispatched to the scene following the explosion?*

**4 x fire engines 1 x command unit 1 station commander 1x Hazardous Materials and Environmental Protection Officers**

3.2 What was the total cost of LFB response, and how long did it take for the services to arrive at the scene?

**The total cost was £3619. The first appliance according to our log arrived in 6 minutes 58 seconds from time of call.**

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**No Access issues were reported by on scene crews.**

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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](#)