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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000/DATA PROTECTION ACT 1998**

I refer to your request for information made under Section 29 of the Data Protection Act in respect of the details of all operator licence holders (both HGV & PSV) in Hampshire and the Isle of Wight and my acknowledgement of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2006.

You will be aware that the provisions of section 29 of the Data Protection Act cannot apply in respect of this matter due to the generality of the information requested.

I will therefore deal with the request as if it had been made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For ease of reference I have dealt with the points you have raised in the same order as your letter.

Q1) A list of all current businesses, both haulage and public service vehicles, within Hampshire and the Isle of Wight which hold operator licences. This include sole traders, partnerships and limited companies.

A2) This information is already available from the VOSA website at the following address:

[http://www.tan.gov.uk/tanen/VOSA\\_AnonymousOperatorSearch\\_New.asp](http://www.tan.gov.uk/tanen/VOSA_AnonymousOperatorSearch_New.asp)

The information is also available via the publication Applications and Decisions in respect of goods vehicle licences and Notices and Proceedings in respect of passenger vehicle licences. The publications for the Western Traffic Area, of which Hampshire is a part, can be found on the VOSA website at the following addresses:

<http://www.vosa.gov.uk/vosacorp/publications/applicationsanddecisions/ad-westerntrafficarea/ad-westerntrafficarea.htm>

<http://www.vosa.gov.uk/vosacorp/publications/noticesandproceedings/np-westerntrafficarea/np-westerntrafficarea.htm>

Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act does not require information to be made available if it is readily available to the applicant by other means.

Q2) The full names and dates of birth, if held, of the holders and directors of these companies.

A2) This information is sent to the police (including Hampshire Constabulary) every fortnight by way of our two publications Applications and Decisions (A&D) and Notices and Proceedings (N&P). This is to enable the Police to fulfill their role of statutory objectors in respect of new and variation applications. The statutory objector roles are set out in full in Section 12 of the Goods Vehicles (Licensing of Operators) Act 1995 and Section 14A of the Public Passenger Vehicles Act 1981 as amended. The requirement to publish the information in respect of operator licence applications is set out in Sections 10 and 5 respectively of the above mentioned legislation.

Q3) Any information or intelligence, that you feel is appropriate to release, that may assist our enquiries, and ultimately VOSA, should further information or intelligence be gathered as a result of our enquiries.

A3) Please see comment at paragraph 3 of this letter . The request does not meet the criteria for release under section 29 of the Data Protection Act 1998. Should Hampshire Constabulary wish to make requests in relation to specific operators (sole traders/partnerships or limited companies) the request should be made to this office as such request are dealt with centrally. Where such a request is made it will be dealt with under the provisions of the Data Protection Act where it has been possible to establish the necessary *vires*. Quoting legislation such as the Proceeds of Crime Act 2002 along with the relevant section(s) of the act in order that VOSA, as recipient, can satisfy itself of the lawfulness of the this request will allow this requirement to be satisfied.

Q4) A copy of all the paperwork and application forms VOSA send out to applicants, interested in obtaining Operators Licences.

A4) I have requested my colleagues to forward the “pack” which is sent to applicants for an Operators Licence.

If you have any queries about the information you have received, please contact me, and I will be happy to assist you. My contact details are given at the head of this letter.

If you are unhappy with the information supplied, you may ask for an internal review. To request an internal review, please write to:

VOSA Corporate Office,  
Berkeley House,  
Croydon Street,  
Bristol,  
BS5 0DA

or email [vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:vosa.corporateoffice@vosa.gsi.gov.uk)

giving the reasons for your dissatisfaction. It will help us if you quote the reference number for your case.

If you do not agree with the outcome of the internal review, you may lodge an appeal with the Information Commissioner ([www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk](http://www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk)). The Information Commissioner is an independent official appointed by the Crown to oversee the Data Protection Act 1998, the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

The Information Commissioner can consider complaints about any aspect of the way in which requests for information have been handled. Please note: the Information Commissioner would be unlikely to consider your complaint if you have not first requested an internal review.

You can write to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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