



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2018-02162

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Fish Quarter Coulter's Hill Kircubbin

Request and Answer:

Fish Quarter Quarry, Coulter's Hill, Kircubbin.

Request 1

Could I please have a copy of the detailed site survey, with date, that was carried out by the PSNI before the blast that took place on 9th November 2017 and before the Consent to Purchase Explosives Form was issued to Mr Walsh?

Request 2

Could I please have a copy of the guidance notes that were issued to the police officer carrying out the detailed site survey?

Request 3

Could I please have a copy of the instructions to the police officer that alerts him to the fact that you can't have any sensitive receptors within a 250 m distance of a live quarry, which is a planning requirement and is covered by statute?

Request 4

Could I please have a copy of the Ordnance Survey drawing that the police officer who carried out the detailed site survey was issued with to carry out his survey

Answers

Operation Support Department (OSD) have conducted searches however these failed to locate any records or documents relevant to your request based on the information you have provided.

OSD can confirm that PSNI did not carry out a detailed site survey prior to the blast that took place on 9th November 2017. However officers did attend the quarry on a previous occasion for the purposes of general site familiarisation / blast site identification.

Therefore as no detailed site survey was carried out by PSNI; no Ordnance Survey drawing was provided to same.

Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

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