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Enquiries to: Information Compliance Officer

## Freedom of Information Act 2000

Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 15 April 2024. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

### ***You asked:***

*I am reaching out to request data under the Freedom of Information Act, regarding wildfires in your FRS district during July 2022.*

*Specifically, I am interested in obtaining the following information for the period of July 2022:*

- 1. Location (coordinates) and timing (date and time of day) of the wildfires.*
- 2. Fire size – ideally fire perimeters.*
- 3. Number of resources deployed.*
- 4. Fuel type burned (if available).*
- 5. Impact (e.g. buildings/houses affected, personal injuries, infrastructure, fire service equipment, traffic delays, any evacuations, etc).*
- 6. If/when a major incident was declared.*

*Any additional insights or recommendations regarding this topic are very much appreciated.*

### **Our answer:**

We can confirm we hold some of the information requested, please find attached the information we can provide.

Per Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we do not hold information about 'fuel type burned' for wildfire incidents as this is not recorded by the Service. However, to assist you, we have provided the property type which is the closest information we have to indicate what may have been burned.

Further, we do not record details you have requested under 'impact', but we can confirm that there were no injuries recorded for either members of the public or the Service from these incidents.

For part 2 of your request, we only record the fire area damaged in relation to specific categories and do not measure specific perimeters of the fire.

Finally, we are refusing to provide you with the full coordinates of the wildfires. This is because it enables the identification of individuals effected by fire which is personal data as per Section 40 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Therefore, we have redacted the last two digits to anonymise the data as it would be unfair, within the meaning of the UK GDPR and Data Protection Act 2018, to provide this information to the world at large in response to your request.

The above concludes our investigation into this matter.

Any future correspondence with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting [DP@hantsfire.gov.uk](mailto:DP@hantsfire.gov.uk) or by writing to the Data Protection Officer at the above address.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioners Office. This can be done online at [www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints](http://www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints) or by post to The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

Information Compliance Officer  
Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service