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Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 28 November 2024. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested.

You asked:

A fire occurred on 01/07/2024 at 12 Greenway Lane, Buriton, GU31 5SX

Was the fire and it's cause investigated, how did it occur?

Our answer:

We can confirm that we hold the information requested. The cause of the fire was a lithium-ion battery that had been incorrectly disposed of. These can ignite when damaged (in this case through the mechanical actions of the recycling plant) or through chemical breakdown within the battery. This ignition source provided intense heat and ignited the surrounding materials and fuels associated with the facility's recycling materials.

You asked:

What actions have been taken to ensure it will not happen again, and has the junkyard been advised?

Our answer:

The junkyard is aware of the cause of this fire. After the incident, they informed us that they would review their processes to be better prepared for a similar incident in the future. The

incorrect disposal of batteries, particularly lithium batteries, is a national issue that is responsible for many fires within plant waste recycling facilities, whether domestic or industrial.

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 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 or by post to The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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