



Freedom of Information Request FOI 23 143

Source of Fire at Malmesbury Dealership

I refer to your recent Freedom of Information request received on 13 October 2023, requesting the following information:

I am interested in the car dealership fire at Malmesbury in October 2022. [https://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/23070415.five-crews-tackle-fire-car\[1\]dealership-towns-high-street/](https://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/23070415.five-crews-tackle-fire-car[1]dealership-towns-high-street/) Specifically, I would like to understand the precise source of the ignition with a view to understanding the possible involvement of lithium-ion batteries. To that end, could you please send any information that will help me answer this question:

the precise model of car in which the fire started

We are unable to advise what the make of the car was as we do not record this information.

whether it was an EV or a hybrid (including mild hybrid)

We are unable to advise you of this as we do not record this information.

a copy of any fire investigation report

Please see below.

Under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act, a request for information can be refused where one or more exemptions listed in the Act apply. In this case we are claiming the following exemption to the information that you have requested:

Section 21 – Information accessible by other means

Investigation reports can be requested via our website: <https://www.dwfire.org.uk/about-us/accessing-information/requesting-incident-reports/>

Please note that there is normally a charge for each investigation report (property owners aren't charged). Ordinarily, reports are issued only to those who can demonstrate a legitimate interest in the incident. Ownership, residency, or insurable interest would be examples of legitimate entitlement. Reports may be disclosed to other parties who cannot prove their entitlement if such release of would be in the public interest, or with appropriate redactions.

Information/Detail accurate on the date provided: 25, October 2023