

Freedom of Information request: Reference number FOI2026/01130

Date of request: 13th September

Request:

I am making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and, insofar as any part of the requested information falls within its scope, the Environmental Information Regulations 2004.

This request concerns London Fire Brigade incident, on 17 January 2026, at or serving Parker Mews / Aldwych Buildings.

I am not requesting a copy of the chargeable Fire/Incident Report or Mobilisation Report. Instead, I am requesting the following specific recorded information held by London Fire Brigade concerning this incident:

1. Any recorded information stating whether LFB personnel experienced any difficulty, obstruction or delay in gaining access to the incident location, including through any gate, locked entrance, emergency-access mechanism or other access point.
2. Any recorded information concerning the operation, failure or effectiveness of an emergency-access arrangement, lock, key, gate or entry system encountered during the attendance.
3. Any recorded information identifying the appliance, equipment, electrical installation or other item believed or suspected to have been involved in the ignition or origin of the fire, insofar as this can be disclosed.
4. Any recorded information concerning electrical hazards, live electrical equipment, sockets, wiring, mains equipment or other electrical safety concerns identified during the attendance.
5. Any recorded information concerning smoke spread beyond the immediate fire location, including smoke entering or affecting adjoining residential accommodation, communal areas, ventilation systems, ducts or other parts of the premises.
6. Any recorded information concerning mechanical ventilation or extraction systems and their actual or potential role in the movement of smoke during the incident.
7. The recorded time of the initial call, mobilisation, arrival of the first LFB appliance and any recorded time at which crews gained access to the relevant area, where those individual data fields are held and can be provided without supplying the chargeable report itself.

For clarity, I am requesting existing recorded information or extracts/data from records that answer the above points. I am not asking LFB to provide opinions, undertake a new investigation, determine liability, attribute blame, or create information that is not already held.

If some of the requested information is exempt from disclosure, please provide the remainder and identify the exemption relied upon for each withheld part.

If any part of this request is considered to duplicate information available only through LFB's chargeable incident-report service, please treat the remaining parts separately and provide any information that is otherwise disclosable under FOIA or the EIR.

I would prefer the response electronically by email.

Response:

Thank you for your request for information, received on 13 September 2026, which has been handled under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA).

You requested information relating to LFB Incident Number 011791-17012026, which occurred on 17 January 2026 at Parker Mews / Aldwych Buildings, London WC2B 5AP.

The London Fire Brigade has considered your request and determined that some of the requested information is exempt from disclosure under [Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it is reasonably accessible to you by other means](#). In addition, where a requester is not eligible to obtain the chargeable report, this information is also exempt under [Section 41 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as it constitutes information provided to LFB in confidence](#).

In relation to Question 1, information regarding appliance mobilisation and whether a delay was recorded whilst appliances were responding to the incident is publicly available through the London Fire Brigade Mobilisation Records dataset published via the London Datastore. The dataset can be searched using Incident Number 011791-17012026 and includes a field entitled "Delay", which records whether a delay occurred whilst appliances were responding to the incident.

In relation to Question 7, some of the information requested is also publicly available through the London Fire Brigade Incident Records and Mobilisation Records datasets published via the London Datastore. These datasets contain information relating to incidents attended by the Brigade, including incident dates, locations, incident types and appliance mobilisation details.

Incident Records: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-incident-records-em8xy>

Mobilisation Records: <https://data.london.gov.uk/dataset/london-fire-brigade-mobilisation-records>

As the above information is publicly available and reasonably accessible to you, the Brigade considers it exempt from disclosure under [Section 21 of the FOIA](#).

The remainder of your request relates to records associated with a specific incident attendance. The London Fire Brigade operates a separate process for obtaining incident records and associated operational information relating to individual incidents.

Information about obtaining an incident report, including the application process, eligibility requirements and applicable charges, is available on the Brigade's website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/services-and-facilities/services-we-offer/incident-reports/>

Should you wish to obtain information relating to this incident, you may submit an application using the online form available through the link above. Please note that applicants must meet the relevant eligibility criteria to receive an incident report and that a fee is payable for this service.

We have dealt with your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. For more information about this process, please see the guidance published on our website: <https://www.london-fire.gov.uk/about-us/transparency/request-information-from-us/>