



5 October 2020

## Request

Please could email correspondence to/from the Connetable of St John Chris Taylor be made available in relation to the incident on 2 June 2019 after which a dangerous driving charge was laid against the Connetable?

This would include the emails mentioned in court on 20 August 2020 between Connetable Taylor and the Connetable of Trinity, plus other correspondence from June 2019 that relates to the driving incident and subsequent investigation.

## Response

1. Email correspondence between the Connétable of St John and the Connétable of Trinity

**From:** Christopher Taylor  
**Sent:** 02 June 2019 09:21  
**To:** Philip Le Sueur  
**Subject:** Haute Croix

Morning Philip,

On my way to work this morning I notice two Marshals and some Road Closed signs on "Rue de Bechet es Cats". The Marshal were controlling traffic and (whilst I know this is your Parish) I tried to park up and find out if the race was going through St John. The Marshal yelled at me saying you can't park there, and wacked my car with his flag. When I got out the car he was abusive and when I introduced myself as the Constable of St John he replied "I don't care who the f\*\*k you are you cannot park there can't you see the road is closed".

He had no idea what a Constable was, and refused to give his name other than "Dave" so I left before the incident became more inflamed.

The last thing I want is to tread on your toes, this was in your Parish, but I felt I should let you know straight away.

All the best,  
Chris

**From:** Philip Le Sueur  
**Sent:** 02 June 2019 16:34  
**To:** Christopher Taylor  
**Subject:** Re: Haute Croix

Thanks Chris,  
I'm sorry to hear that you suffered abuse, I will ensure that this is forwarded to the organisers and I would expect nothing less than a sincere apology.

Kind regards  
Philip

Philip Le Sueur  
Connetable of Trinity

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2. Other correspondence from June 2019 that relates to the driving incident and subsequent investigation.

**FOI exemptions applied:**

**Article 23 - Information accessible to applicant by other means**

Information is absolutely exempt information if it is reasonably available to the applicant, otherwise than under this Law, whether or not free of charge. A scheduled public authority that refuses an application for information on this ground must make reasonable efforts to inform the applicant where the applicant may obtain the information.

**Justification for exemption**

**Parish FOI requests** are published on parish.gov.je; please refer to responses issued to the following requests:

- St John insurance claim
- St John FOI requests on insurance documents and insurance-legal advice
- St John legal and insurance advice
- Parish of St John insurance policies - Insurance Schedules and policy documents Parish of St John FOI

**Article 31 - Advice by the Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff or a Law Officer**

Information is qualified exempt information if it is or relates to the provision of advice by the Bailiff, Deputy Bailiff or the Attorney General or the Solicitor General.

QE31 is a qualified exemption and therefore whether the disclosure of the advice would be in the interest of the public must be considered. Given the advice is from a Law Officer, there is an inherently high threshold to keep it confidential. In this instance, the public interest does not overcome the Law Officer privilege and the exemption is maintained.

**Article 32 – Legal professional privilege**

Information is qualified exempt information if it is information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

QE32 is a qualified exemption and therefore whether the disclosure of the advice would be in the interest of the public must be considered. Confidentiality is of paramount importance in a lawyer client relationship. In this instance, the public interest does not outweigh the legal privilege and the exemption is maintained.

