

Communications & Engagement Team
External Information Services



John Marks
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Date: 6 March 2026
Reference: F2026-001337

Dear John Marks,

Thank you for your request of 5 March 2026, for the release of information held by the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). For reference your original enquiry was as follows:

The CAA provides a list of successful prosecutions on the website. Please supply a list of unsuccessful prosecutions for each of the last five years. For each prosecution please provide anonymised information about the offence and anonymised information about why the prosecution failed.

Your request has been considered in line with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA). I can confirm that information within scope of your request is held by the CAA.

The below information should be read with the following caveats:

-Trial or last disposal date to be taken as as effective date for this report (5 March 2021 to 4 March 2026).

-*'Unsuccessful'* to taken as *'acquittal'*.

Unsuccessful prosecution: 1

Year: 2025

Alleged offence: SERA.5005(f)(2) - Fly an aircraft closer than 150 m (500 ft) to any person, vessel, vehicle or structure

Reason unsuccessful: acquitted after trial; standard of proof not met.

The above is the represents the only such 'unsuccessful' within scope.

If you are not satisfied with how we have dealt with your request in the first instance you should approach the CAA in writing at:-

FOI.Requests@caa.co.uk

The CAA has a formal internal review process for dealing with appeals or complaints in connection with Freedom of Information requests. The key steps in this process are set out below. A request for an internal review should be submitted within 40 working days of the date of this letter.

Should you remain dissatisfied with the outcome you have a right under Section 50 of the FOIA to appeal against the decision by contacting the Information Commissioner at:-

Civil Aviation Authority

Aviation House, Beehive Ring Road, Crawley, West Sussex RH6 0YR. www.caa.co.uk

Email: foi.requests@caa.co.uk

Information Commissioner's Office
FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
SK9 5AF
<https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

If you wish to request further information from the CAA, please use the form on the CAA website at FOI - Freedom of Information (caa.co.uk).

Yours sincerely

Communications & Engagement Team
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CAA INTERNAL REVIEW & COMPLAINTS PROCEDURE

- The original case to which the appeal or complaint relates is identified and the case file is made available;
- The appeal or complaint is allocated to an Appeal Manager, the appeal is acknowledged.
- The Appeal Manager reviews the case to understand the nature of the appeal or complaint, reviews the actions and decisions taken in connection with the original case and takes account of any new information that may have been received. This will typically require contact with those persons involved in the original case and when necessary consultation with the CAA Legal Department;
- The Appeal Manager concludes the review and, after consultation with those involved with the case, and if necessary the CAA Legal Department, agrees on the course of action to be taken;
- The Appeal Manager prepares the necessary response and collates any information to be provided to the applicant;
- The response and any necessary information is sent to the applicant, together with information about further rights of appeal to the Information Commissioners Office, including full contact details.
- An internal review cannot address issues outside of the scope of the original request.
- You, as the applicant, may raise concerns as to why you think the CAA (and any exemptions relied upon) were incorrect in our application of the terms of the FOIA.
- The internal review mechanism should not be used to raise additional further requests for information; this should be done by way of another first stage information request.