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Request:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am the cofounder of a UK-venture backed insurtech startup called [REDACTED], headquartered in [REDACTED]. We are specialising in computer vision algorithms and behavioural modelling.

We are currently creating a platform where drivers can get insured more fairly by sharing selected driving footage to insurers and public authorities like you.

This has benefits for all three parties but I will focus on your the public authorities side:

You get a clear understanding of road conditions so that you can act as soon as problems emerge. For example, we can identify potholes, issues with signage, crack seals etc.

On top of that, in cases there is crime, car collision, we can croudsource relevant footage to assist with any police investigation. Of course, all this footage will come with consent of the end users.

Also, our online parking availability service offered to both you and drivers helps congestion, and also gives you important analytics for urban planning.

We would love to have an exploratory chat with any appropriate person in [REDACTED] [REDACTED] about this proposition.

Looking forward to your response,

Response:

Thank you for your information request which Mid and East Antrim Borough Council received on 06/12/2018.

Please find below [REDACTED] response to the information you requested in relation to Smart cities initiative: [REDACTED].

I can advise that Local Authorities within Northern Ireland have a very different structure in terms of responsibilities for road networks etc.

In Northern Ireland we do not have any responsibility for roads, pot holes or on street parking.

In relation to fleet, we work closely with our existing insurers when reviewing our premiums, and as such do not feel we are in the market for this type of software solution.

If you are dissatisfied with the handling of part of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to the Chief Executive at the Braid Ballymena Town Hall, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena, BT43 5EJ.

Please remember to quote the reference number FOI/407/1819 in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of an internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Please be advised that Mid and East Antrim Borough Council may release the response to this information request into the public domain via our website at <https://www.midandeantrim.gov.uk/>.

If we publish our response to your request, your personal data will be removed to protect your privacy.