

17 December 2025

FOI Ref 22249

Request - You asked us the following:

I would like to know the correlation between the usage of the variable speed system on the gantry containing the speed camera on the M6 Southbound just before Junction 13 exit and why the speed has been reduced to 60 mph.

I use this stretch of motorway every day for the past 3 years at various times throughout the day and i feel that it is intentionally set to 60 mph to catch out drivers as the gantry is on a left hand bend and the trees cover the view of the gantry as you approach and it is not being used as part of the smart motorway technology to slow down upcoming traffic due to build up etc.

On a late evening I can be the only car on the motorway and the speed lowers to 60 for that gantry and then goes back to national speed limit at the next signage available.

Staffordshire Police (SP) received your request on 16/12/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP does not hold the requested information.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

You may wish to contact National Highways who may hold this information at the below link:

[Freedom of information \(FOI\) releases from National Highways - Disclosure log](#)

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from SP, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Information Access Team within two months of the SP response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty working days.

The independent supervisor will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, considering the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the independent supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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