



STAFFORDSHIRE  
**POLICE**

20 January 2025

FOI Ref 17586

**Request - You asked us the following:**

The request is in relation to Stallington Road Blythe Bridge.

RTC data for both injury and damage only ( even if not attended) for the last 3 years

Date

Time

Type injury or damage

Fire/ambulance other agencies in attendance/ requested

Safety Camera

How many instances in the last 3 years

Min speed over the 30mph limit

Max speed over 30mph limit

Number of speed awareness courses offered Number of prosecutions

Number of Community speed watch referrals

We received your request on 18/12/2024 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

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

**Staffordshire Police holds the requested information.**

- RTC data for both injury and damage only ( even if not attended) for the last 3 years  
Date  
Time  
Type injury or damage  
Fire/ambulance other agencies in attendance/ requested – **Disclosed, 1 – please see below:**

**Date – 14/04/2024**

**Time – 22:14 (call received)**

**Type injury or damage – Vehicle damage to the front of vehicle, no injuries.**

**Fire/ambulance other agencies in attendance/ requested – Police attendance only.**

- Safety Camera  
How many instances in the last 3 years  
Min speed over the 30mph limit  
Max speed over 30mph limit – **Withheld, section 31.**

Number of speed awareness courses offered – **Disclosed, 6.**

Number of prosecutions – **Disclosed, 3.**

- Number of Community speed watch referrals – **Disclosed, nil.**

**The following exemption has been applied:**

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for parts of this particular request.

- Section 31 (1) (a) (b) - Law Enforcement.

Information is exempt from disclosure under S31 (1) (a) (b) where the release of Information would, or would likely to, prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and/ or the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. This exemption is qualified and prejudice-based and, as such, we are required to evidence the harm in disclosure and apply the public interest test.

**Harm:**

Provision of speed limit camera settings at the time of issue for a fixed penalty notice would place detailed information into the public domain regarding the speed thresholds set within Staffordshire, outside of which a fixed penalty would be issued. This would confirm the rationale in a driver's mind that it would be safe or permissible to drive at a certain speed, above the maximum limit, without fear of prosecution. This would then have a detrimental impact upon how motorists drive and could lead to an increase in offending, leading to increased risk of road traffic collisions and a decline in road safety.

**Public Interest Test**

**Factors favouring disclosure under Section 31(1)(a)(b)**

In addition to adhering to the basic principles of being open and transparent, disclosure of the requested information would increase knowledge upon how public funds are spent with regard to road safety. This would then provide the public with a greater understanding upon the approach taken towards speed limit enforcement.

**Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 31(1)(a)(b)**

Safety cameras are used to protect the communities we serve and deter motorists from exceeding the speed limit. Disclosure of the requested information would place information into the public domain which would allow individuals to take action to frustrate the operational tactics employed to enforce road traffic law; therefore, undermining the police's key function of preventing and detecting crime. Disclosure may engender within the public a perception that it would be safe or permissible to drive at a certain speed, above the maximum limit, without fear of prosecution and would therefore place individuals at an increased risk of serious harm and reduce overall road safety.

The primary functions of Staffordshire Police are preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve, disclosure of any information that would therefore interfere with these functions or place individuals at an increased risk of harm would not be countenanced.

## **Balance test**

When considering whether disclosure is appropriate, we must weigh the strongest reason for disclosure against the strongest reasons for non-disclosure. In this case, whilst the factors favouring disclosure are important in that it would adhere to the basic principle of being open and transparent, we believe when weighed against the risk of disclosure undermining our ability to prevent and detect crime and hindering our ability to protect the public, then non-disclosure takes precedence.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police 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 Staffordshire Police, 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:

[foi@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto:foi@staffordshire.police.uk)

Or by Post to:

Central Disclosure Unit  
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 Central Disclosure Unit within two months of the Force's 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 another Decision Maker who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Central Disclosure Unit 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 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Decision Maker 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, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.



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#### **4. Conclusion of the Appeal**

On completion of the review the Independent Decision maker will reply to the complainant with the result of the review. If the complainant 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 details:

Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

ICO Website for complaints link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>

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