

21 October 2025

FOI Ref 21954

Request - You asked us the following:

Through the Freedom of Information Act, may I request information relating to fixed and mobile speed cameras in Staffordshire. For clarity, this is the number of motorists flashed by speed cameras for driving too fast.

The FOI request:

A: I request the total number of speed camera activations issued by fixed speed cameras in Staffordshire from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

B: I request the total number of speed camera activations issued by mobile speed cameras in Staffordshire from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

C: I would like a location-by-location breakdown of the top 10 most prolific fixed speed cameras – excluding motorways – in Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle borough, the Staffordshire Moorlands and Stafford borough from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025.

D: I would like a location-by-location breakdown of how many speed camera activations have been recorded at each and every mobile speed camera in Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle borough, the Staffordshire Moorlands and Stafford borough from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025. I request that this includes the exact location of each mobile speed camera and the exact number of motorists caught at each location.

We received your request on 13/10/2025 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.

- A: I request the total number of speed camera activations issued by fixed speed cameras in Staffordshire from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025. - **Disclosed, 44,614.**
- B: I request the total number of speed camera activations issued by mobile speed cameras in Staffordshire from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025. - **Disclosed, 23,714.**
- C: I would like a location-by-location breakdown of the top 10 most prolific fixed speed cameras – excluding motorways – in Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle borough, the Staffordshire Moorlands and Stafford borough from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025. – **Withheld, please see below.**
- D: I would like a location-by-location breakdown of how many speed camera activations have been recorded at each and every mobile speed camera in Stoke-on-Trent, Newcastle borough, the Staffordshire Moorlands and Stafford borough from 1 October 2024 to 30 September 2025. I

request that this includes the exact location of each mobile speed camera and the exact number of motorists caught at each location. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled ‘FOI 21954 Speeding Offences Data’.**

Please be advised we do not hold data for your request location breakdown. Therefore, this data pertains to all manned speed camera locations from 01/10/2024 to 30/09/2025.

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 section 31 (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:

Safety cameras are not always active and the police rely on the perception of drivers that camera housings could be active and would therefore adjust their speed so as not to contract a fine. To confirm whether specific cameras were or were not active would diminish the effectiveness of safety cameras in the Staffordshire Police area and undermine police enforcement. To release the requested information could have a detrimental impact on how motorists drive, which would lead to an increase in offending and road traffic collisions; therefore, placing the public at a greater risk of harm.

Public Interest Test

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

The public are entitled to know how public funds are spent and how the use of speed cameras can have an effect on drivers using the road. Disclosure of the information would show that Staffordshire Police supports transparency and accountability, also showing that appropriate measures are being taken to improve public safety and reduce offending.

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

Any release of information under the FOI Act is a disclosure to the world, not just to an individual applicant. Safety cameras are used to protect the community that we serve and deter motorists from exceeding the speed limit. Disclosure would allow the public to take action to frustrate the operational tactics adopted to enforce road traffic law and this would undermine the police's key function of preventing and detecting crime. Disclosure may also encourage motorists to fail to adhere to the speed limit and would put lives at risk. Disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice substantially the apprehension or prosecution of offenders and interfere with law enforcement. Therefore, this could lead to an increase in road traffic collisions.

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:

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 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 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 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 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, 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 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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