

6 August 2026

FOI Ref 23133

**Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:**

I am writing to request information under the freedom of information Act 2000 in relation to the speed camera located on Rykneld Street/Burton Road where it joins the A38 heading towards Derby.

The information I am seeking is as follows.

- 1- The number of speeding offences detected by this camera between 1st May 2025 and 1st May 2026.
- 2- The total number of Notices issued intending to take proceedings during this period.
- 3- The number of occasions (days) the camera was operational during the same period.
- 4- If possible please provide a monthly breakdown of offences detected.
- 5- Finally, as regards detecting speeding offences , where does this camera (which runs parallel to the busy A38 ) rank for detection rates in the county of Staffordshire.

Clarification from applicant:

Regarding the email sent yesterday I noticed an error as I mentioned a speed camera which is of course incorrect. I should have phrased my Freedom of information request seeking information on the number of intended prosecutions that have occurred when mobile speed camera vans have been deployed on the stretch of road referenced in my original email. I would also like to know if available how many times this mobile van has been deployed at that location for the period 1st May 2025 to 1st May 2026.

SP received your request on 15/07/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

**SP holds the requested information.**

- 1- The number of speeding offences detected by this camera between 1st May 2025 and 1st May 2026. – **Neither confirm nor deny, Section 31 (3) and Section 38 (2).**
- 2- The total number of Notices issued intending to take proceedings during this period. – **Neither confirm nor deny, Section 31 (3) and Section 38 (2).**
- 3- The number of occasions (days) the camera was operational during the same period. – **Neither confirm nor deny, Section 31 (3) and Section 38 (2).**
- 4- If possible please provide a monthly breakdown of offences detected. – **Neither confirm nor deny, Section 31 (3) and Section 38 (2).**
- 5- Finally, as regards detecting speeding offences , where does this camera (which runs parallel to the busy A38 ) rank for detection rates in the county of Staffordshire. – **Neither confirm nor deny, Section 31 (3) and Section 38 (2).**

**The following exemptions have been applied:**

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

• **Section 31(3) - Law Enforcement**

This exemption is qualified and prejudice-based and, as such, we are required to evidence the harm in confirming or denying whether information is held and apply the public interest test.

• **Section 38(2) - Health and Safety**

This exemption is qualified and, as such, we are required to evidence the harm in confirming or denying whether information is held and apply the public interest

**Harm:**

The request relates to a specific speed enforcement location. Confirming or denying whether information is held would reveal information about enforcement activity and contribute to a mosaic picture of operational policing tactics. This could undermine the effectiveness of speed enforcement, assist those seeking to avoid detection and prejudice the prevention and detection of offences. In addition, any reduction in the deterrent effect of enforcement may encourage non-compliance with speed limits, increasing the risk of road traffic collisions and endangering the safety of road users and the wider public.

**Public Interest Test**

**Factors favouring confirming or denying information is held – Section 31 (3)**

Confirming or denying whether information is held would promote openness and transparency and provide reassurance that SP is appropriately enforcing road traffic legislation. Disclosure would assist public understanding of policing activity and provide greater accountability regarding the deployment of resources to road safety enforcement.

**Factors favouring not confirming or denying information is held – Section 31 (3)**

The prevention and detection of crime is a core function of the police service. Confirming or denying whether information is held would reveal information concerning enforcement activity at a specific location and could be used to identify operational patterns and deployment activity. Confirmation or denial could enable motorists to draw conclusions regarding the likelihood of enforcement at a particular site and could encourage behaviour intended to avoid detection. This would undermine the effectiveness of road traffic enforcement and adversely affect the ability of the police to prevent and detect offences.

**Factors favouring confirming or denying information is held – Section 38 (2)**

Confirmation or denial would promote transparency and accountability and assist the public in understanding how SP carries out road safety enforcement activity. There is a recognised public interest in understanding how public authorities utilise resources and enforce road traffic legislation.



## **Factors favouring not confirming or denying information is held – Section 38 (2)**

There is a strong public interest in protecting the safety of road users and maintaining the effectiveness of enforcement measures designed to reduce collisions. Confirmation or denial would be likely to assist individuals seeking to assess enforcement activity at a specific location and could undermine the deterrent effect of speed enforcement operations. This would increase the risk of offending behaviour and consequently increase the risk to public safety.

### **Balance test**

When considering whether disclosure is appropriate, SP 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, SP believe when weighed against the risk of disclosure undermining its ability to prevent and detect crime and hindering the ability to protect the public, then non-disclosure takes precedence.

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:

[IAT@staffordshire.police.uk](mailto: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



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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.

#### **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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