

7 October 2026

FOI Ref 23475

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

Please provide the annual total number of incidents of excess speed recorded by either fixed or mobile speed camera equipment for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 for the stretch of the A513 between the junction of A513/A34 (Weeping Cross) and A513/Brocton Road (Milford Common), Stafford.

I do not need to know specific dates, times or speed of incidents, simply an annual total for each year.

I will accept an email response on this occasion.

SP received your request on 02/10/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds/does not hold the requested information.

- Please provide the annual total number of incidents of excess speed recorded by either fixed or mobile speed camera equipment for the years 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026 for the stretch of the A513 between the junction of A513/A34 (Weeping Cross) and A513/Brocton Road (Milford Common), Stafford.
I do not need to know specific dates, times or speed of incidents, simply an annual total for each year. – **Partially disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 23475 Speeding Offences Data'.**

Please be advised this data pertains to mobile speed cameras only from 01/01/2023 to 02/10/2026 Speed. Please see below in relation to fixed speed cameras.

SP can neither confirm nor deny whether further information relevant to this request is held, as the duty in Section 1(1)(a) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 does not apply by virtue of the following exemptions:

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(3) – Law Enforcement.
- Section 38(2) – Health & Safety

Harm

SP neither confirms nor denies whether information relating to the operational status or activity of individual fixed cameras is held. 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 information is held in respect of this request in relation to fixed cameras would diminish the effectiveness of safety cameras in the SP area and undermine police enforcement. To confirm or deny that information is held 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

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

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 SP supports transparency and accountability, also showing that appropriate measures are being taken to improve public safety and reduce offending.

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

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. Confirmation or denial that information is held 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. This may also encourage motorists to fail to adhere to the speed limit and would put lives at risk. Confirmation or denial that information is held 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.

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

In addition to the basic premise of being open and transparent, confirmation or denial that information is held would promote transparency regarding the operation, placement and enforcement practices of speed cameras. This may enhance public confidence in road safety measures and demonstrate that enforcement is proportionate and evidence based.

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

Confirmation or denial that information is held in respect of this request would enable individuals to evade enforcement. This may encourage non-compliance with speed limits and increase the risk of collisions. If drivers adapt their behaviours solely to avoid detection at specific points, this could undermine the deterrent effect of the cameras and increase speeds in surrounding areas, posing a risk to pedestrians, cyclists and other road users.

Balance Test

Disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a release of information to the world in general and not an individual applicant. Having considered the public interest factors SP are required to determine whether on balance the factors favouring disclosure outweigh those which are against disclosure. It is our view that the factors favouring disclosure do not outweigh those which favour non-disclosure.

This data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems and software. Additional offences may have been recorded during these timescales but are awaiting finalisation and input onto these systems and would not be present within this dataset.

Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that data is extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system. Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

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

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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