

FOI Request – 20200005

Request:

Please find enclosed the completed section 172 (Driver/Keeper) Statement as requested.

Having spoken with my wife (who was driving) and her sister (the passenger), both have advised that there were no indications on the motorway at the time that a variable speed limit was in place. They have also advised that they saw no indication of any road works on the carriageway at the time of the alleged incident.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, please can you confirm the speed limits on the M1 southbound between Junctions 30 and 31 on 4th January 2020 between 11.00am and 13.00pm.

If any restrictions were in place, please also advise the start and end time of these restrictions and why these restrictions were in place.

It would also be greatly appreciated if you could provide information under the Freedom of Information Act on how many other motorists were subject to a notice of intended prosecution at the same time and day on the same junction of carriageway, M1-4435B J31-J30 Southbound.

Response

Q1. Having viewed the Offence data, I can confirm that the speed limit at the time and date in question was a variable Speed Limit of 50mph. Signage on the Gantry Clearly shows Lane one closed with a keep right arrow illuminated and the variable speed limit signs illuminated above lanes 2,3 and 4.

Q2. South Yorkshire Safety Cameras Have no control over the setting of the Variable Speed Limits, where they are set or their duration. This is the responsibility of the Highways Agency, who set the variable speed limits according to the current dynamic situation on the motorway, such as obstructions, broken down vehicles or accidents for example. South Yorkshire Safety Cameras merely process any Offences detected.

Q3. Between 11:25am and 11:33am 28 Offences were Detected at the location of 4434B M1 Southbound Junction 31 – 30.