

FOI Request - 20180002

REQUEST

For the calendar year 2017, what are the 10 locations within each city (Sheffield, Doncaster, Rotherham and Barnsley) where the highest number of speeding offences have been recorded. In each instance could you tell me the full location and how many offences were recorded.

Also for the calendar year 2017, could you please tell me the highest 10 speeds recorded within each of the four cities, together with the date, time and location at which that speed was recorded. If possible, could you tell me the outcome in each instance.

RESPONSE

The following exemption applies to the disclosure of the information:

Section 12(2) – Exemption where cost of compliance exceeds appropriate limit

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires South Yorkshire Police, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt), to provide you the applicant with a notice which:

- a. states that fact,
- b. specifies the exemption in question and
- c. states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

I contacted our Data Research Officer for advice regarding your request. Our Data Research Officer had advised that the only way in which any information could be extracted is to research the data and produce a composite list for each camera location requested, which fully satisfies your request.

The Data Research Officer then has to research each individual camera, and the location and surrounding environment of each camera which would then have to be reviewed to identify any Risk or Harm in relation to revealing the data for each camera location. This information is then presented to the Freedom Of Information Officer, who then has to assess each individual camera location, compile full circumstances on Risk to Harm and apply the necessary exemptions if required.

Our Data Research Officer has commenced compiling the required data. The initial data gathering and to check it's content for accuracy took 4.5 hours.

Our Data Research Officer, then started to compile information in relation to each camera location, placement, and surrounding area, identifying Risk or Harm in relation to revealing the data for each camera location, and any previous examples of harm or damage to each individual camera. The first eight sites have taken a further four hours of compilation (on top of the 4.5 hours taken to gather the initial data).

In order to complete the same work on the rest of the 32 camera data requested, it is estimated that this will take the time period for the Data Research Officer a minimum total of 24.25 hours before the work is complete.

The Freedom of Information Officer then has to assess the data on each individual camera location, carry out a Risk and Harm assessment on each camera, and apply the necessary exemptions if required, which is estimated to take approximately 20 – 30 minutes per camera, this work is estimated to take approximately 13.5 hours (on top of the 24.25 hours already taken by the Data Research Officer). Therefore the total time taken to compile and produce the response will exceed the appropriate time limit of a maximum of 18 hours. Therefore Section 12 (2) Exemption applies to your request.

The Freedom of Information and Data Protection (Appropriate Limit and Fees) Regulations 2004 provide that the cost limit for non-central government public authorities is £450. This must be calculated at the rate of £25 per hour, providing an effective time limit of 18 hours. If you feel your endeavours can be achieved within the appropriate limit by refining your request, South Yorkshire Police would be more than happy to consider any further request.

Guidance from the Information Commissioner to public authorities is that where one part of a request is reasonably estimated to exceed the appropriate limit then the authority is not obliged to consider or comply with the remainder of the request up to the point at which the appropriate limit has been reached. Please note point 30 of the below link:-

https://ico.org.uk/media/for-organisations/documents/1199/costs_of_compliance_exceeds_appropriate_limit.pdf