

FOI Request – 20200008

Request:

Please treat each of the points as a separate FOI request - Traffic Camera situated at M1-4434A J30-J31 Northbound

1) *Were any temporary speed cameras in operation at this location on 24/9/2019 between 23:00 & 24:00?*

2) *How many vehicles were above any speed restrictions in this period?*

3) *How many vehicles were above any speed restrictions but below 70mph?*

4) *Do the speed restrictions set on the gantry cameras apply from the first bank of cameras or do they act as a warning that a driver must slow down before the next set of cameras? (In some sections of smart motorways only alternate gantries have the small dashed road markings below them)*

5) *With regards to question 4, were the cameras at 4434A set to record anyone above the temporary limit displayed?*

6) *Were the previous set of cameras to 4434A in operation at this time & if so what speed were they set to (what was the location of these cameras)?*

Response

Question 1: There were no free standing Roadside cameras at the given location. South Yorkshire Safety Cameras only operate the cameras on gantries over the Smart Motorway.

Question 2: There were 22 Offences detected between 23:00 and 23:54 on 24/09/2019

Question 3: Two.

Question 4: The offence for speeding is said to have been committed at the speed limit sign. If a driver passes under a gantry with the speed limit sign showing 50mph, if that driver passes the Sign travelling at 60mph then they are deemed to have committed the offence of exceeding the given speed limit. Under the new Smartmotorway system, markings on the road are no longer used to carry out secondary speed checks.

Question 5: With regard to Q4, at the date and time in question the Variable Speed Limit of 40mph was in force. These variable speed limits are set by Highways England. South Yorkshire Safety Cameras have no control over Variable Speed Limits.

Question 6: Given that Camera 4434A is a Northbound Camera, any previous cameras on the M1 Northbound fall within the remit of Derbyshire Police, and therefore South Yorkshire Safety Cameras Does Not hold this information.