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Dear Sir/Madam

Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)

Request ID: FOI623227481

Thank you for your request for information relating to average speed camera data.

You have requested the following information:

I would like to know since implementation, how many drivers each month have been caught by average speed cameras on the Radford Road and the Tamworth Road.

A breakdown of the speed they were travelling and by which cameras (include camera location) captured this information and the date or month this was captured on is required.

We are advising you as per Section 1(1) of the Act that we do not hold this information. This information will be held by West Midlands Police (WMP).

To assist, you may wish to submit an FOI request to WMP for this information. Details on how to do this are accessible via this web page:

<https://foi.west-midlands.police.uk/>

If there has been time that any of the average speed cameras were not functional, then please state this with the dates and the camera (with location) affected.

To support this request a map of the average speed cameras on the Radford Road and Tamworth Road with their id numbers could be provided if that makes it easier to identify camera location points on the report.

In regards to camera location and function, this information is exempt under 31(1)(a) and (b) (law enforcement) of the FOIA. Section 31(1)(a) exempts information from disclosure where disclosure of that information is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

Section 31(1)(a) is a qualified exemption, and therefore is subject to the Public Interest Test. In applying the public interest test the Council have given careful consideration to the arguments for and against disclosure.

Factors in favour of disclosure

It is in the public interest to be open and transparent and for the Council to disclose information it holds.

To assist the public to understand and challenge our decisions.

Factors in favour of withholding

If this information was disclosed, drivers would know when they can and cannot pass this specific site at a speed above the statutory limit. This would render the purpose of the camera site at this location obsolete. If drivers are able to establish when they can avoid being detected speeding on this road, this will undermine police enforcement of the established speed limit. Disclosure would therefore hinder law enforcement and Section 31 of the Act is engaged.

The Council concludes that disclosing the requested information would enable the public to establish when speed is being enforced at this site and therefore, when excessive speed is likely to result in a fine.

It is considered that the greater public interest, therefore, lies in not providing the information. In coming to that conclusion, the public interest in providing the information has been carefully weighed against any prejudice to the public interest that might arise from withholding the information; in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

This part of the response, therefore, acts as a refusal notice under Section 17 of the FOIA.

For information, we publish a variety of information such as: [FOI/EIR Disclosure Log](#), [Publication Scheme](#), [Facts about Coventry](#) and [Open Data](#) that you may find of useful if you are looking for information in the future.

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email icocasework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours faithfully

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