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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 03 August 2021

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 26/07/2021.

I note you seek access to the following information:

A statement has been made on our community FB alleging that members of the village are working closely with the police, utilising a static camera (location of this undisclosed when asked) to fine speeding drivers and HGV's contravening the weight restriction.

I am writing to request how many drivers have been fined, warned or prosecuted using this and how many fines have been sent to HGV drivers and/or companies using the above alleged camera.

Are you able to advise if this is an authorised operation with the police in conjunction with Nailstone Traffic Action Group or has this been fabricated. I would not have thought it possible to retrospectively send out a fine for speeding unless via an authorised speed camera and how you would ensure the residents camera is calibrated.

The request is in relation to Nailstone.

Following receipt of your request, searches were conducted within Leicestershire Police to locate information relevant to your request.

Your request for information has now been considered and the information asked for is as follows: -

We have numerous ongoing complaints of HGVs in possible breach of 7.5 tonne weight restrictions across the Force area. Our current Force practice if supplied with details of a possible breach by a member of the public, is for Traffic Management to PNC the vehicle, make contact with the haulier /owner, ascertain whether a breach has been committed and if so advise him/her. This procedure goes ahead only when there is available staff time to process the notification.

It has to be borne in mind that lorries in excess of 7.5 tonnes may enter a restricted zone on legitimate business to collect or deliver goods.

We do not keep a running record of the number of complaints of a possible breach when the above action has been taken.

In terms of the village of Nailstone camera data has been forthcoming from residents for some time of possible breaches of the weight restriction that is in place. This has resulted in visits by the Neighbourhood Policing Authority (NPA) and Safer Roads Team over the past few months and contact has been made with the scheme members. Many reports of possible breaches have been actioned (as per my initial paragraph) but others have not. It was made clear from the outset that drivers in Nailstone and indeed elsewhere, would not be dealt with by retrospective fines and that all breaches would be disposed of by advising the haulier / driver concerned.

This police activity is not a frontline policing priority and the practice is known to Contact Management Department (CMD) and NPA Commanders. Any enforcement carried out at complaint sites by a uniformed police officer may be dealt by the usual enforcement process or by advice given.

Further to the above information

4 offences have been recorded in Nailstone in 2021.

2 for speeding (exceed 30mph)

2 for Drive on a specified road a vehicle in contravention of a prohibition / restriction order issued under s. 20 of the Road Traffic Act 88

Leicestershire Police provides you the right to ask for a re-examination of your request under its review procedure. Letters should be addressed to Information Manager, Corporate Services Department at the above address. If you decide to request such a review and having followed the Force's full process you are still dissatisfied, then you have the right to direct your comments to the Information Commissioner who will give it consideration.

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