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Address Correspondence to: Information Management

Date 23 October 2020

Freedom of Information Act 2000

I write further to your request for information received 22/10/2020.

I note you seek access to the following information:

My request is in relation to mobile speed enforcement cameras.

The DFT Handbook of Rules and Guidance 2006/7 categorises the various sites into static, core and exceptional sites. There is a description of exceptional sites which is listed as including 'community concern' sites.

Paragraph 4.1 of the rules and guidance states that 'all sites (core, exceptional and roadworks) must comply with the safety programme signing rules.'

Paragraph 4.1.1 states that 'signing is required so that drivers can be fully aware of the existence of a safety camera site.'

My request is twofold:

- 1) Do the Leicestershire Safety Camera Partnership / Road Safety Unit currently comply with the signing rules (as contained in the rules and guidance) for community concern sites.*
- 2) Over the past 12 months have the Leicestershire Safety Camera Partnership / Road Safety Unit consistently complied with the signing rules (as contained in the rules and guidance) for community concern sites.*

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: -

Mandatory rules existed in the form of the "Handbook of Rules and Guidance for the National Safety Camera Programme for England and Wales for 2006/07" as part of the National Safety camera Programme, but with the end of the Programme on 31st March 2007, these ceased to have effect.

To answer the questions reference is, therefore made to The Dept For Transport Circular 01/2007 published 31 January 2007

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/465165/dft-circular-0107.pdf

All core sites are signed with permanent camera signage. Community concern sites are not signed with camera signs and this is published on the Safety Camera Website – please see

“You have to put signs out”

<https://www.speedorsafety.com/camera-locations/speed-camera-facts-and-myths>

The DFT Circular states in paragraph 49

This camera signing, visibility and conspicuity guidance has no bearing on the enforcement of offences. Non compliance with this guidance does not provide any mitigation of / or defence for an alleged offence committed under current UK law.

The guidance provides a framework for operations, but allows for Partnerships to make adaptations appropriate to the aim of reducing road collisions and casualties at a local level.

Within Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland these are agreed by the Partnership Board Members including Leicestershire Police, Local Councils and Highways England.

Community concern sites may be temporary for a year or so, which may be extended if data analysis identifies a specific need.

As enforcement may be by either Police Officer or Mobile Safety Camera Van and these sites are temporary, the cost of installing permanent signage may not be justified.

Given the costs and the fact enforcement may be by Police Officers a Partnership decision was made in April 2013 not to sign Community Concern sites.

With this in mind, the Partnership do “comply with the signing rules (as contained in the rules and guidance) for community concern sites” and have done over the past 12 months.

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.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Officer
Leicestershire Police

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