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REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/04433

I write in connection with your request for information received on 10th July. I note you seek access to the following information:

Please could you provide me with information of the speed camera within the region's largest financial taking from speeding penalties during the year of 2018, as well as the number of penalties issued.

I am required by the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published and therefore, in the public domain without caveat.

Response – Bedfordshire Police can confirm that it holds information in relation to your request however, I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested. This data is due to be published on the www.gov.uk website and the 2018 data will be released in September 2019 as part of our regular publishing schedule – please see the link below.

<https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/information-and-services/Advice/Road-safety/Safety-camera-data>

Therefore, such information is exempt under the following exemption: -

Section 22 – Information intended for Future Publication

The Section 22 exemption is a class based qualified exemption.

This means that the legislators when writing the legislation considered that the release of such information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 would cause harm to the public authority or individual concerned. There is therefore no requirement to carry out a HARM Test in respect of such information. However there is a requirement to carry out a Public Interest Test in order to establish whether the public interest in maintaining the exemption may be outweighed by a wider public benefit in disclosure.

Public Interest Test

Factors in favour of disclosure

There is a public interest in how much money is accumulated from speed cameras.

Factors in favour of non-disclosure

Disclosure of financial takings from speeding penalties is due to be published on the gov.uk website. To publish this information in line with this Freedom of Information request would prove counterproductive.

Balance Test

Due to the pressures on the Force it is not in the public interest to prioritise police resources to allow information to be disclosed before the planned publication. Therefore the balancing test for disclosure is not made out.

Should you have any further enquiries concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Bedfordshire Police provides you the right to request an independent review of this response under its review procedure. If you require such a review you must notify us within two months from the date of this letter. After lodging a complaint with Bedfordshire Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you may make an application to the Information Commissioner. For information on how to make a complaint please visit their website at <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/> or contact them on 0303 123 1113.