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**REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 Ref No: FOI2019/05103**

I write in connection with your request for information received on 8th August. I note you seek access to the following information:

**Which three fixed position speed cameras in your area were responsible for (i) the issuing of the most fixed penalty notices to suspected speeders and (ii) were activated the most time by speeding vehicles in the combined three year period of 2016, 2017 and 2018?**

**Please provide me with the position of each of the three cameras and the number of FPNs issued as a result of it "catching" suspected speeders in that three-year period as well as the number of activations logged at that site. NOTE: Please include average speed cameras for this analysis where the cameras have remained in the same position.**

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** – Following enquiries conducted by Bedfordshire Police and their Cameras, Tickets & Collisions Unit please see our response below: -

The number of activations logged at the three busiest sites in 2017 are: -

A1081 Airport Way, Luton = 17182 activations  
M1 Junction 10 -13 = 11490 activations  
Drovers Way, Dunstable = 3294 activations

Not all of the activations would have been valid / verifiable offences as the number includes multiple test shots per film; emergency vehicles on response; false activations; double images from wet and digital cameras which provide two activations per offence etc.

Bedfordshire Police can confirm that it holds additional information in relation to your request however, I am not obliged to supply the information you have requested. Such information is exempt under the following exemption: -

**Section 22(1)(a) – Information intended for future publication**

The Section 22 exemption is a class based qualified exemption and is therefore subject to the public interest test.

**Public Interest Test**

*Factors in favour of disclosure*

There is a public interest in the disclosure of this information.

*Factors in favour of non-disclosure*

The requested information will be published by Bedfordshire Police in the near future.

The Force publish the data requested and it would incur an additional impact on police resources to carry out ad-hoc searches for information of the same nature. This is at a time of extreme pressure on resources due to an unprecedented number of FOI requests in a force where it has been highly publicised that there is a lack in Government funding to meet the policing needs of the country.

## **Balance Test**

In this case the consideration for disclosure is the public interest in regard to the police enforcement in this area and this needs to be weighed against the impact disclosure before the Force's publication would have. Due to the pressures on the force and the need to protect the public it is not in the public interest to prioritise police resources to allow access to information before the planned publication date. Therefore, the balancing test for disclosure is not made out.

The 2018 data will be published in September, for your information this data is published online annually – please see the following link: - <https://www.bedfordshire.police.uk/information-and-services/Advice/Road-safety/Safety-camera-data>

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.