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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/011954/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 15/01/2024, I note you seek access to the following information:

I would like to know what the minimum time delay is within the Greater Manchester area, between any change to the variable speed limit displayed and the actual enforcement of that new speed limit.

*I am following guidance issued on the Highways Agency website
<https://nationalhighways.co.uk/road-safety/variable-speed-limits/>*

Which states that this line of questioning should be directed to the local regional constabulary.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request.

GMP (or any other Force) only undertake the enforcement of offences after they have been detected by the cameras. The camera device specifications and deployment of speed limit changes are under the remit of National Highways.

From previous information provided by the Road Safety Division, National Highways Limited:

During the process of changing the signs or signals, there is a grace period for at least the first 60 seconds of the new speed limit being displayed. During this time the cameras are not used to enforce the new speed limit. This means drivers have time to safely adjust their speed should the sign change as they approach.

This has also been advised online by the National Highways [here](#).