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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/24/012453/G

I write in connection with your request for information dated 10/04/2024, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Can you please supply me with details of all speed fines/penalties for the last 3 years which include:

date, Location, speed limit, Type (i.e camera or mobile unit), vehicle speed, fine, penalty if any

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP. However, I am not obliged to provide all the information as exceptions apply.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. The information you have requested about precise dates, location, type of camera used and vehicle speed is exempt from disclosure by virtue of the following exemptions: **Section 31(1)(a)(b) – Law Enforcement** and **Section 38(1) – Health and Safety**

S31 – Law Enforcement: Harm

GMP do not disclose information that could lead to the creation of league tables of speed cameras as this would reveal the location of those speed cameras which are currently in operation. We also do not disclose when our speed cameras, including mobile cameras, are active or inactive. This will create misleading and potentially dangerous information into the public domain. This would create a perception of acceptable speeding periods that motorists may travel within various speed zones and locations that may not be in current operation and may encourage individuals to travel above the speed limit in particular speed zones or at particular times. This would impact on the law enforcement capabilities of GMP in the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. Additionally, releasing this information could lead to targeted vandalism of the speed cameras, which would be contrary to GMP's function to prevent and detect crime.

Furthermore, to disclose the recorded vehicle speeds would allow speed enforcement tolerances to be calculated. This would provide misleading and potentially dangerous information into the public domain. This would create a perception of acceptable speed levels that motorists may travel within various speed zones. This would impact on the law enforcement capabilities of GMP in the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure

The disclosure details of any current speed enforcement locations would assist the populace in taking steps to better protect themselves. It would also show GMP's accountability in the use of public funds when policing the road network.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

Conversely to the factors in favour of disclosure, to publicly release speed enforcement information would impact on the law enforcement capabilities of GMP. It would allow for a perceived level of speed that motorists may travel at without generating a fine/endorsement, which would impact on GMP's ability to prevent and detect crime and apprehend or prosecute offenders.

S38 – Health and Safety: Harm

To disclose the locations of speed cameras and the periods that cameras are inactive would create a perception of the highest acceptable speed for motorists to travel through at locations where speed cameras are not present. Additionally, to disclose information that would allow tolerances to be calculated would create a perception that there is a speed at which drivers can drive at locations where speed cameras are present without risk of sanction. The faster the traffic travels through such areas, the higher the risk of collision to motorists and pedestrians. This would undoubtedly increase the risk to the health and safety of pedestrians and other motorists within the zone.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure

The disclosure of the requested information may assist members of the public to better protect themselves against potential road collisions. It would also encourage transparency between GMP and the public.

Factors Favouring Non-Disclosure

To divulge to the wider public where speed cameras are, and indirectly, where speed cameras are not, and at what speeds they are less likely to be detected, may encourage individuals to travel at excessive speed. The faster the traffic travels through such areas, the higher the risk of collisions to motorists and pedestrians.

Balancing Test

When balancing the public interest test GMP must consider whether the information should be released into the public domain, therefore arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for disclosing the information would be the fact that disclosure would encourage transparency, which needs to be weighed against the strongest reasons for non-disclosure, which in this case is the likelihood of individuals being put at risk. The safety of the communities GMP police is of paramount importance and the Force would not detrimentally impact on that safety by disclosing harmful information in response to a FOI request. Therefore, having considered all the factors for and against disclosure it is the decision at this time to maintain the above exemptions and withhold the redacted information from disclosure.

The rest of the information requested is provided below.

CAVEATS:

Although the precise dates are exempt, the monthly totals have been provided. By combining the data in this way it allows the data to be provided in its entirety.

Year	OFFENCE Month.	SPEED_LIMIT	Amount
2021	April	20	12
2021	April	30	4116
2021	April	40	2774
2021	April	50	1724
2021	April	60	198
2021	April	70	194
2021	May	20	18
2021	May	30	7221
2021	May	40	3118
2021	May	50	2413
2021	May	60	284
2021	May	70	249

2021	June	20	6
2021	June	30	5902
2021	June	40	3386
2021	June	50	5526
2021	June	60	385
2021	June	70	359
2021	July	20	2
2021	July	30	7332
2021	July	40	3481
2021	July	50	4727
2021	July	60	266
2021	July	70	190
2021	August	20	2
2021	August	30	7610
2021	August	40	3481
2021	August	50	5845
2021	August	60	125
2021	August	70	123
2021	September	20	29
2021	September	30	5743
2021	September	40	1412
2021	September	50	4112
2021	September	60	210
2021	September	70	54
2021	October	20	0
2021	October	30	4735
2021	October	40	1323
2021	October	50	3743
2021	October	60	156
2021	October	70	32
2021	November	20	11
2021	November	30	3370
2021	November	40	1085
2021	November	50	2854
2021	November	60	31
2021	November	70	184
2021	December	20	1
2021	December	30	3103
2021	December	40	552
2021	December	50	1202
2021	December	60	19
2021	December	70	497
2022	JANUARY	20	3

2022	JANUARY	30	5315
2022	JANUARY	40	2187
2022	JANUARY	50	4015
2022	JANUARY	60	54
2022	JANUARY	70	552
2022	FEBRUARY	20	0
2022	FEBRUARY	30	4784
2022	FEBRUARY	40	2126
2022	FEBRUARY	50	2269
2022	FEBRUARY	60	595
2022	FEBRUARY	70	99
2022	March	20	0
2022	March	30	6732
2022	March	40	1575
2022	March	50	2914
2022	March	60	618
2022	March	70	120
2022	April	20	2
2022	April	30	6697
2022	April	40	4032
2022	April	50	4192
2022	April	60	754
2022	April	70	227
2022	May	20	0
2022	May	30	7248
2022	May	40	4391
2022	May	50	3023
2022	May	60	1002
2022	May	70	271
2022	June	20	15
2022	June	30	6669
2022	June	40	4992
2022	June	50	10077
2022	June	60	642
2022	June	70	258
2022	July	20	6
2022	July	30	6796
2022	July	40	2852
2022	July	50	1277
2022	July	60	104
2022	July	70	152
2022	August	20	20
2022	August	30	8990

2022	August	40	5291
2022	August	50	3922
2022	August	60	330
2022	August	70	266
2022	September	20	0
2022	September	30	6614
2022	September	40	2896
2022	September	50	2408
2022	September	60	299
2022	September	70	190
2022	October	20	7
2022	October	30	6548
2022	October	40	1608
2022	October	50	2724
2022	October	60	166
2022	October	70	140
2022	November	20	3
2022	November	30	3676
2022	November	40	1205
2022	November	50	2158
2022	November	60	670
2022	November	70	168
2022	December	20	0
2022	December	30	2348
2022	December	40	629
2022	December	50	500
2022	December	60	77
2022	December	70	121
2023	JANUARY	20	1
2023	JANUARY	30	3651
2023	JANUARY	40	2072
2023	JANUARY	50	1886
2023	JANUARY	60	201
2023	JANUARY	70	123
2023	FEBRUARY	20	1
2023	FEBRUARY	30	5081
2023	FEBRUARY	40	4439
2023	FEBRUARY	50	2718
2023	FEBRUARY	60	244
2023	FEBRUARY	70	100
2023	March	20	3
2023	March	30	5760
2023	March	40	4761

2023	March	50	2418
2023	March	60	594
2023	March	70	170
2023	April	20	0
2023	April	30	8066
2023	April	40	3338
2023	April	50	2584
2023	April	60	546
2023	April	70	180
2023	May	20	3
2023	May	30	8575
2023	May	40	2255
2023	May	50	2023
2023	May	60	344
2023	May	70	327
2023	June	20	3
2023	June	30	8754
2023	June	40	4831
2023	June	50	4147
2023	June	60	605
2023	June	70	138
2023	July	20	2
2023	July	30	7570
2023	July	40	3420
2023	July	50	1758
2023	July	60	460
2023	July	70	119
2023	August	20	5
2023	August	30	7772
2023	August	40	4102
2023	August	50	2990
2023	August	60	529
2023	August	70	187
2023	September	20	14
2023	September	30	4525
2023	September	40	3104
2023	September	50	1913
2023	September	60	933
2023	September	70	147
2023	October	20	2
2023	October	30	4596
2023	October	40	3292
2023	October	50	1438

2023	October	60	749
2023	October	70	1150
2023	November	20	9
2023	November	30	6700
2023	November	40	2984
2023	November	50	2472
2023	November	60	423
2023	November	70	1144
2023	December	20	1
2023	December	30	5694
2023	December	40	655
2023	December	50	1041
2023	December	60	167
2023	December	70	80
2024	JANUARY	20	10
2024	JANUARY	30	9650
2024	JANUARY	40	1567
2024	JANUARY	50	2406
2024	JANUARY	60	384
2024	JANUARY	70	205
2024	FEBRUARY	20	0
2024	FEBRUARY	30	10286
2024	FEBRUARY	40	1792
2024	FEBRUARY	50	2058
2024	FEBRUARY	60	218
2024	FEBRUARY	70	1149
2024	FEBRUARY	Not Noted	1
2024	March	20	1
2024	March	30	8134
2024	March	40	3094
2024	March	50	2300
2024	March	60	401
2024	March	70	2801
2024	March	Not Noted	1