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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015132/D

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/07/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I am requesting the following information relating to Greenhill Road in Cheetham Hill (Manchester):

Q1 - A record of all reported road traffic collisions, accidents, or incidents (including those involving injury or fatality) from the past 20 years

Q2 - Any recorded concerns or complaints relating to road safety, speeding, or dangerous driving on Greenhill Road during the same period

Q3 - Any traffic enforcement measures (e.g. speed checks, mobile camera deployments) that have been carried out there

Q4 - If available, any internal assessments or recommendations made regarding road safety on this road

I'm happy to receive the information in digital format via email.

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.

Question 1

Severity	Total since 2004
Fatal	0
Serious	7
Slight	61
Very Serious	1
Moderately Serious	2
Less Serious	1

Question 2

Caveats:

- Incidents may not be given a road name location and as such we would not be able to identify them.
- Incidents relevant to road safety may not be given a traffic closing code by the inputter of the log, as such we may be missing relevant incidents given different codes.
- The RTC related incidents are likely to be contained within the above injury collision figures but the data is held on two different systems and cannot easily be cross referenced.
- The way the address location is entered may mean a significant number of the below are located on other roads, close to Greenhill Road or at the junction with Greenhill Road.
- We can only perform this search by looking for the road name in the address location. If Greenhill Road is mentioned somewhere in the address location, this has been picked up and counted below.

Incident Code	Total
T53 – Damage and T51 Injury (RTC)	44
T03 - Road Related Offence	29
T13 - Highway Disruption	4
D71 - Vehicle Nuisance / Inappropriate Use	4

Question 3

Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny that we hold any other information relevant to the whole of your request by virtue of the following exemptions:

Section 31(3) – Law Enforcement

Section 38(2) – Health and Safety

Evidence of Harm

Any disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act is a disclosure to the world at large and confirming or denying any information relating to traffic enforcement measure for a specific road would prejudice law enforcement and endanger the safety of road users.

Conversely, if information was not held by the force, and a denial was issued, this would suggest to individuals intent on driving at excess speed on this stretch of road (whether correctly or not) the limitations of police capabilities in this area, which may further encourage speeding by exposing a potential vulnerability.

Disclosure of the information could prejudice the ability of the force to police this area which would lead to a greater risk to the public. Any information identifying the focus of policing activity could be used to the advantage criminals. Information that undermines the operational integrity of these activities will adversely affect public safety and have a negative impact on both law enforcement and the safety of the public.

Public interest considerations favouring confirming or denying whether the information is held - Section 31(3)

Confirming or denying whether any information is held would allow Greater Manchester Police to demonstrate increased openness and transparency.

Public interest considerations favouring neither confirming nor denying whether the information is held - Section 31(3)

By confirming or denying whether any information is held would mean that law enforcement tactics would be compromised which would hinder the prevention and detection of crime.

Greater Manchester Police is charged with enforcing the law, preventing and detecting crime and protecting the communities we serve. The ability to protect uphold and protect law enforcement capabilities within the country is of paramount importance and the police will not divulge whether any information is or is not held if to do so would place the safety of an individual at risk or undermine law enforcement capabilities due to adverse disclosure.

Public interest considerations favouring confirming or denying whether the information is held - Section 38(2)

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To confirm or deny details relating to traffic enforcement measure for a specific road would reveal details about periods of inactivity. This would lead to people assuming, correctly or incorrectly, when certain enforcement is likely to be inactive and could encourage drivers to exceed the speed limit at these times. This could lead to more collisions and as a result, more serious injuries, or death of road users.

Balance Test

When balancing the public interest test, GMP consider whether to confirm or deny if we hold such information relating to your request. Arguments need to be weighed against each other. The most persuasive reason for confirming or denying is GMP's accountability, which needs to be compared to the strongest negative reason for neither confirm nor deny, which in this case is the health and safety of road users and GMP's ability to effectively execute its duties. The public interest would not be served by confirming or denying the requested information exists or not.

On consideration of the above, I believe the factors favouring neither confirm nor deny outweigh those favouring confirming whether the information is held or not, therefore the balance of public interest favours maintaining the application of the above exemptions. This should not be taken as an inference that there is or is not any information held which could be provided in responding to question 3 of this request.

Question 4

There is no GMP system which we could export this information from. For any information and assessments relating to a specific road you can submit a request to the local authority or Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM).