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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/015977/O

I write in connection with your request for information dated 08/12/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

I am submitting a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding the fixed speed camera operating under location code 1386B.

Request:

- 1. The date on which camera 1386B was set to operate in "always-on" enforcement mode, rather than being triggered only under variable or matrix-sign-controlled speed limits.*
- 2. The rationale, decision record, or policy change that authorised this operational mode.*
- 3. Any internal guidance, risk assessments, or operational directives that informed or justified this decision.*
- 4. Confirmation of whether the camera was originally commissioned to enforce only variable limits, and if so, when and why this operational scope was amended.*
- 5. If the camera is not currently set to "always-on" mode:*
 - The technical and operational conditions under which it enforces the national speed limit (70 mph) without illuminated matrix signs.*
 - Any configuration settings, activation criteria, or governance documents that enable enforcement at 70 mph when matrix signs are not illuminated.*
- 6. The number of Notices of Intended Prosecution (NIPs) issued by camera 1386B in the last 12 months, broken down into:*
 - A. Offences issued under variable limits*
 - B. Offences issued under the national speed limit*

C. Offences issued when matrix signs were not illuminated (if this data is recorded)

7. Details of any impact assessments, risk assessments, or decision papers undertaken before enabling 70 mph enforcement without illuminated matrix signs, including any justification relating to road safety, traffic flow, or enforcement consistency.

8. What, if any, public consultation and/or communication has taken place regarding the enforcement.

If any element of this request requires clarification, please advise promptly so that the statutory timeframe can be maintained.

I look forward to your response within the 20 working-day limit.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP.

CAVEATS:

Cameras on the motorway network are owned and maintained by National Highways and GMP undertake the enforcement only. Any questions relating to rationale for them being in place would fall to National Highways.

We are assuming that by “always-on” you mean that when the gantry signs are blank, thus indicating that the national speed limit for a motorway would apply.

1. All the motorway camera within the GMP network have been set to detect both variable speed sign and_national speed (national speed limit or blank sign) contraventions since their installation and commencement dates. Enforcement for 1386B commenced 02.02.2022.
2. There has been no policy change. If a vehicle is travelling above the speed limit for that particular road, whether it be variable or not, then the driver would be liable for prosecution. For information about rationale for a particular camera to be in place please refer to National Highways.
3. No information held as no such decision has been made.
4. All the motorway camera within the GMP network have been set to detect both variable speed sign and_national speed (NSL or blank sign) contraventions since their installation and commencement dates.
5. N/A
6.
 - a. 4,456.
 - b. This would be the same as part A, as all variable speed limits are under the national speed limit.

- c. 1,837. This will include when gantry shows an illuminated national speed limit sign or when they are blank as both indicate 70mph and the cameras would detect accordingly.
- 7. This information is not held by GMP. Please contact National Highways for this information.
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