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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016381/R

I write in connection with your request for information dated 12/02/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

REQUEST 1:

What would you like to know?: Location: A6045 Heywood Old Road, near to Baguley Crescent, Middleton, Rochdale---
Period: 2023, 2024, 2025---
Request: Please provide the total number of speeding offences (NIPs issued) recorded at this specific site, broken down by calendar year for 2023, 2024, and 2025.

REQUEST 2:

What would you like to know?: Location: A6045 Heywood Old Road, near to Baguley Crescent, Middleton, Rochdale---
Period: 2023, 2024, 2025---
Request: Please provide the total number of 'Killed or Seriously Injured' (KSI) collisions recorded at this exact location for the calendar years 2023, 2024, and 2025.

REQUEST 3:

What would you like to know?: Location: A6045 Heywood Old Road, near to Baguley Crescent, Middleton, Rochdale---
Request: Please confirm if this mobile enforcement site is classified as a 'Core Accident Site' or a 'Community Concern' site. If it is 'Community Concern,' please state the number of public complaints recorded that justified the deployment.

REQUEST 4:

What would you like to know?: Location: A6045 Heywood Old Road, near to Baguley Crescent, Middleton, Rochdale---

Request: Please provide a copy of the most recent Site Risk Assessment or Technical Survey for this location, specifically addressing the suitability of the line-of-sight for handheld laser devices in proximity to foreground obstructions (e.g. walls).

REQUEST 5:

What would you like to know?: Location: A6045 Heywood Old Road, near to Baguley Crescent, Middleton, Rochdale---

Request: Please provide a copy of the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) that legally establishes the 30mph speed limit at this specific coordinate.

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 some of the information requested is held by GMP.

However, I am not obliged to supply all of the information you have requested as an exemption applies.

When refusing to provide such information because an exemption applies, Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, 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.

Question 2 is exempt under **Section 21 – Information accessible to applicant by other means.**

The response to this request is available online. Please follow the link here - [MAVRIC](#).

In addition, Greater Manchester Police can neither confirm nor deny that we hold any information relevant to **question 1, 3 and 4** 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 specific speed cameras or locations whether this be a fixed or mobile enforcement site 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 this location would reveal details about periods where enforcement may or may have not been in place. This would lead to people assuming, correctly or incorrectly, when certain cameras, be that fixed, or mobile are likely to be active/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 this request.

1. See exemption above.
2. See exemption above.
3. See exemption above.
4. See exemption above.
5. TRO's are implemented and maintained by the Local Authorities; in this case it would be Rochdale MBC. Please direct this FOI question to them.