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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016251/I

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/01/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide answers to the following questions for both 1 September to 31 December 2024, and separately for 2025 (full year):

1. *Of all the speeding offences recorded in your force area on roads with a 20mph limit:*
 - a. *What was the highest speed recorded?*
 - b. *At what time of day was this speed recorded, and on which stretch of road?*
2. *In total, how many drivers were recorded driving at a speed of 30mph or more, on roads in your force area with a 20mph limit?*
3. *Of all the speeding offences recorded in your force area on roads with a 30mph limit:*
 - a. *What was the highest speed recorded?*
 - b. *At what time of day was this speed recorded, and on which stretch of road?*
4. *In total, how many drivers were recorded driving at a speed of 40mph or more, on roads in your force area with a 30mph limit?*
5. *Of all the speeding offences recorded in your force area - on any road:*
 - a. *What was the highest speed recorded?*
 - b. *On which stretch of road was this highest speed recorded?*

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 relating to the time of day and precise locations of speeding detections 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 would allow for 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 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. 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.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure

The disclosure details of any current speed enforcement times and 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 particular areas.

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 of 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 active would create a perception of the highest acceptable speed for motorists to travel through at locations where speed cameras are not present. The faster the traffic travels through such areas, the higher the risk of collision to motorists and pedestrians. This would undoubtedly increase the risk of the health and safety of pedestrians and other motorists within the zone.

Public Interest Test

Factors Favouring Disclosure

The disclosure of speed camera locations 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 when they are and are not active, may encourage individuals to travel at excessive speed. The faster the traffic travels through such areas, the higher the risk of accidents 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 remainder of your request is not exempt and is provided below.

1.

Sep- Dec 2024	40 mph
2025	52 mph

2.

Sep- Dec 2024	8
2025	20

3.

Sep- Dec 2024	94 mph
2025	105 mph

4.

Sep- Dec 2024	9,494
2025	26,629

5.

Sep- Dec 2024	145 mph
2025	149 mph