



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-03172

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Positioning of Mobile Speeding Team

### Request and Answer:

This is to inform you that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information you requested. The decision has been taken to disclose the located information to you in full.

### Question 1

My understanding is that the PSNI web site supports public information regarding the positioning of the mobile speeding team.

Please confirm the purpose of the information, and how literally it should be taken.

Are they the exact positions?

### Answer

The PSNI website and the Partnership website [www.nidirect.co.uk/roadsafetypartnership](http://www.nidirect.co.uk/roadsafetypartnership) are intended to provide members of the community with a range of information, including sites and routes, which fulfil the scheme criteria therefore allowing enforcement by fixed or mobile camera systems. The Partnership adopts a policy of transparency and openness by highlighting the various locations which are subjected to enforcement in an attempt to encourage motorists to slow down, rather than being subjected to detection.

Although Site Number 47 (Upper Lisburn Road) is a specific site the Partnership also includes a range of routes over given distances on which enforcement is permissible.

### Question 2

If so how far away can they work from those grid reference points?

### Answer

Although legislation exempts Safety Camera Vehicles from compliance with parking and clearway requirements operators must select a suitable site which is considered safe and also limits disruption to other road users. Enforcement is therefore permitted within a reasonable distance of the site depending upon the topography of the area concerned.

### **Question 3**

How close to the collision points are the team working to the previous accidents?

#### **Answer**

As stated in the previous answer it is imperative that the site chosen for deployment of the camera vehicle is safe and does not cause disruption to other road users. This is why permission is given to park at any point within the designated site, which may not be in the vicinity of where some collisions are occurring. The overall intention is to influence drivers on that stretch of road not to exceed the speed limit thereby bringing about a lowering of speeds in general over the whole site.

### **Question 4**

Are all the locations listed?

#### **Answer**

All current permanent sites are listed on the Partnership website however, they are currently undergoing reviews in order to ensure they continue to fulfil the enforcement criteria. In addition the scheme allows for members of the Community to register complaints and ask for enforcement at particular sites. Following a consultation process Safety Camera Vehicles will be deployed during selected periods to monitor traffic and establish if the site may fulfil permanent status. This process is very much fluid and therefore 'Community Concern Sites' change very frequently.

### **Question 5**

Also, from living close by my understanding is that the accidents have been at the junction of Creightons Garage and Kings Hall Lights junction. Therefore, would red light camera not be more effective? Has this been considered?

#### **Answer**

The Partnership Statistician continually monitors collision information in order to identify sites/junctions which may benefit from installation of Speeding or Red Light Running cameras.

### **Question 6**

And can this point be used in the courts, as this is no-where near where the mobile camera team work from? Would I lose my licence if I went to court on this matter?

#### **Answer**

This part of your request takes the form of a question which is seeking a member of the Service to express an opinion, and as such this is not a valid request for recorded information held by the Police Service of Northern Ireland. In the event of an alleged offence of speeding being placed before a court for determination, the Judge will consider the facts and if the defendant is found guilty will impose a penalty taking into consideration the circumstances surrounding the case and if he/she has any previous convictions or not.

If you have any queries regarding your request or the decision please do not hesitate to contact me on 028 9070 0164. When contacting the Freedom of Information Team, please quote the reference number listed at the beginning of this letter.

If you are dissatisfied in any way with the handling of your request, you have the right to request a review. You should do this as soon as possible, or in any case within two months of the date of issue of this letter. In the event that you require a review to be undertaken, you can do so by writing to the Head of Freedom of Information, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing [foi@psni.pnn.police.uk](mailto:foi@psni.pnn.police.uk).

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