



## FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



**Request Number:** F-2011-03826

**Keyword:** Road Policing

**Subject:** Safety Camera on Saintfield Road

### Request and Answer:

I am writing to confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland has now completed its search for the information.

I have today decided to:

- disclose information in response to questions 4, 7, 12, 13, 19 and 20 in full;
- fully exempt information in response to questions 11 and 14 pursuant to the provisions of Section 21 of the Act.
- No information relating to questions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 15, 16, 17 and 18 is held by the PSNI.

### Question 1

Provide Workshop Manual for camera on Saintfield Road.

### Question 2

Provide PSNI Code Of Practice for Camera on Saintfield Road.

### Question 3

Provide Model No.

### Answer

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to the information requested in questions 1 to 3 based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

### Question 4

Provide Serial Number.

### Answer

The serial number for this camera is 15200008.

**Question 5**

Provide full service history.

**Question 6**

Provide same for trigger mechanism.

**Answer**

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to the information requested in questions 5 and 6 based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

**Question 7**

State whether trigger is laser or radar system.

**Answer**

The trigger is neither laser nor radar.

**Question 8**

Specifically provide high resolution copies of alleged photographs as urgently as possible.

**Answer**

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to the information requested in question 8 based on the information you have provided. The resolution produced by the device is 72dpi which is low resolution. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

The Fixed Penalty Processing Unit have advised that they have provided you with a copy of the images.

**Question 9**

State whether measurement system is imperial ie feet and inches or metric.

**Question 10**

State the distance in metric and imperial per second travelled by a car at 40 mph and that travelled by a car doing 50 mph.

**Answer**

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to the information requested in questions 9 and 10 based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

**Question 11**

State after initial flash the time delay before flash 2 and time delay to flash 3.

**Answer**

Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires the Police Service of Northern Ireland, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide the applicant with a notice which: (a) states the fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies.

The following exemption has been applied:

## Section 21 - Information Reasonably Accessible by Other Means

The information you request is available to you via "Disclosure" under the Criminal Justice Act 2003. Should you lodge a "not guilty" plea at court, the prosecution are under a duty to disclose evidence which undermines the prosecution case or assists the defence case. Please see the link below for further information;

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2003/44/notes/division/2/5>

### Question 12

State in light of fact no studs on inside lane how initial "start position is calculated" since this is crucial to distance over time calculation.

### Question 13

State how since it is alleged photographs are of car in inside lane how distance measurement is made.

### Answer

The lines are extended across the road on the system offence processing application.

### Question 14

Please state that there are no studs on the inside lane.

### Answer

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The photographic image forwarded to you by the Fixed Penalty Processing Unit contains this information.

### Question 15

Provide distance between each and every stud centre point at Saintfield road site.

### Question 16

Provide height of camera to nearest mm.

### Question 17

Provide distance measure from right angle at roadside which runs through camera pylon and start of the studs.

### Question 18

Please provide all and every constraint effecting the electromagnetic pulse sent out by measurement system and manmade and solar electromagnetic spectrum given that Sun was in 218 degrees from true North and other devices used by PSNI eg LTI 20 20 Ultralyte 100 are effected by Solar radiation.

**Answer**

Searches were conducted however these searches failed to locate any records or documents relevant to the information requested in questions 15 to 18 based on the information you have provided. Accordingly, I have determined that the Police Service of Northern Ireland does not hold the information to which you seek access.

**Question 19**

Please provide 1999 ACPO Enforcement Technology National Guidance Manual.

**Answer**

The latest ACPO Road Policing Enforcement Technology Code of Practice 2004 was withdrawn some time ago and replacement guidance has not yet been published. However it can be accessed using the following link; [http://www.pepipoo.com/ACPO\\_code.htm](http://www.pepipoo.com/ACPO_code.htm)

**Question 20**

Please state distance per second (in imperial or metric) of a car travelling at 40 mph + 4mph + 2 = 46 mph which is the ACPO calculation for this alleged offence.

**Answer**

The figure in miles/second = 46mph/3600. 0.012777777.

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).

If following an internal review, carried out by an independent decision maker, you were to remain dissatisfied in any way with the handling of the request you may make a complaint, under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act, to the Information Commissioner's Office and ask that they investigate whether the PSNI has complied with the terms of the Freedom of Information Act. You can write to the Information Commissioner at Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. In most circumstances the Information Commissioner will not investigate a complaint unless an internal review procedure has been carried out, however the Commissioner has the option to investigate the matter at his discretion.

Please be advised that PSNI replies under Freedom of Information may be released into the public domain via our website @ [www.psni.police.uk](http://www.psni.police.uk)

Personal details in respect of your request have, where applicable, been removed to protect confidentiality.