

Keeping People Safe



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2021-02476

Keyword: Road Policing

Subject: 5 Or 10mph Speed Limit

Request and Answer:

Your request for information has now been considered. In respect of Section 1(1)(a) of the Act we can confirm that the Police Service of Northern Ireland (PSNI) does hold information to which your request relates. The decision has been taken to disclose the following.

Request

I was wondering if a 5 or 10 mph speed limit sign such as you would find in a shopping centre car park was legally enforceable?

Answer

A speed limit is only enforceable by police on a public road and where a Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is in place to support it. The speed limit sign must also be of the prescribed format.

Speed limits of 5 and 10mph in supermarket car parks do not meet this criteria, therefore are regarded as purely advisory. However if a motorist was driving at a grossly exaggerated speed in a public car-park, police may consider a prosecution for Careless Driving.

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 Corporate Information Branch, 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 Corporate Information Branch, PSNI Headquarters, 65 Knock Road, Belfast, BT5 6LE or by emailing 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.psnj.police.uk

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