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Dear

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)
Request ID: REQ07088**

Thank you for your request for information relating to London Road average speed cameras.

Your request and our responses are outlined below:

Please confirm how many new average speed cameras are on the stretch of London Road off Warwick bypass A46 and where the average speed zone starts and finishes (from Warwick bypass to ring road)

In regards to the numbers of cameras, this information is exempt under 31(1)(a) and (b) (law enforcement) of the FOIA.

Section 31(1)(a) exempts information from disclosure where disclosure of that information is likely to prejudice the prevention or detection of crime.

Section 31(1)(a) is a qualified exemption, and therefore is subject to the Public Interest Test. In applying the public interest test the Council have given careful consideration to the arguments for and against disclosure.

Factors in favour of disclosure

It is in the public interest to be open and transparent and for the Council to disclose information it holds.

To assist the public to understand and challenge our decisions.

Factors in favour of withholding

If this information was disclosed, drivers would know when they can and cannot pass this specific site at a speed above the statutory limit. This would render the purpose of the camera site at this location obsolete. If drivers are able to establish when they can avoid being detected speeding on this road, this will undermine police enforcement of the established speed limit. Disclosure would therefore hinder law enforcement and Section 31 of the Act is engaged.

The Council conclude that disclosing the requested information would enable the public to establish when speed is being enforced at this site and therefore, when excessive speed is likely to result in a fine.

It is considered that the greater public interest, therefore, lies in not providing the information. In coming to that conclusion, the public interest in providing the information has been carefully weighed against any prejudice to the public interest that might arise from withholding the information; in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. This response, therefore, acts as a refusal notice under Section 17 of the FOIA.

The Average Speed Enforcement scheme has the ability to enforce the signed speed limit on the entire length of London Road; from its junction with Toll Bar island (A45/A46) to Ring Road Junction 4.

The supply of information in response to a freedom of information request does not confer an automatic right to re-use the information. You can use any information supplied for the purposes of private study and non-commercial research without requiring further permission. Similarly, information supplied can also be re-used for the purposes of news reporting. An exception to this is photographs. Please contact us if you wish to use the information for any other purpose.

Should you wish to make any further requests for information, you may find what you are looking for is already published on the [Council's web site](#) and in particular its FOI/EIR [Disclosure log](#), [Council's Publication Scheme](#), [Open Data](#) and [Facts about Coventry](#).

If you are unhappy with the handling of your request, you can ask us to review our response. Requests for reviews should be submitted within 40 days of the date of receipt of our response to your original request – email: infogov@coventry.gov.uk

If you are unhappy with the outcome of our review, you can write to the Information Commissioner, who can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF or email casework@ico.org.uk.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in your response.

Yours sincerely

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