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Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 15527

Thank you for your request for information dated 21 September.

Information Requested

- 1. On what date did the average speed cameras on the A494 at Deeside become operational?
- 2. Since they became operational what revenue has been raised?
- 3. Since implementation how many drivers have been fined or cautioned for speeding as measured by the average speed cameras?
- 4. Since they became operational have the cameras been successful in reducing pollution or in other words have they achieved the outcomes expected when average speed cameras were first installed?

Our Response

I confirm the Welsh Government holds some information caught by your request. For question 1, the cameras were activated and began monitoring data on 6 September 2019. For question 2, I can confirm that no revenue has been raised as the data recorded by the cameras has been used for monitoring purposes only. For question 3, no drivers have been fined or cautioned as a result of the monitoring data recorded. However, please note that North Wales Police may have carried out enforcement by other methods.

For your final question, the air quality monitoring results based upon the monitoring undertaken before and after installation of the fixed speed limit traffic signs and average speed cameras are contained in our Annual Data Report published in March 2020. This report can be accessed via the following link: Annual data on NO2 concentrations for the motorway and trunk road: 2018 to 2019. Further monitoring data for 2020 pre and post the start of restrictions associated with the COVID-19 pandemic will be included within our update to our NO2 plan, which we intend to consult on in autumn 2021.



Next Steps

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You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Your personal data

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal information to deal with your request and any matters which arise as a result of it. We will keep your personal information and all other information relating to your request for three years from the date on which your request is finally closed. Your personal information will then be disposed of securely.

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- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

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Yours sincerely