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I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 16 April 2017. In that request, you asked us for various data relating to the Average Speed Cameras on the M4 from Junction 1 to Junction 4 under the Freedom of Information Act.

Please see below your questions and our answers:

Are they live? If not, when are they going live?

The new cameras are due to become operational shortly, once installation, testing and commissioning has been completed.

Are they calibrated?

Yes.

What is the distance between each camera?

Please see Appendix 1 attached.

How are they calculated, between 2 or 3 points?

The average speed is calculated between each successive camera.

Who is the maintainer?

Highways England.

Are they temporary or permanent?

Permanent.

Are they announced in any article as to the purpose of the upgrade?

As part of our ongoing commitment to safety we are upgrading this section of the M4 from 'spot' speed cameras to average speed cameras. The existing cameras use outdated wet film processing which needs to be replaced and average speed cameras over a longer distance are much more effective in achieving speed compliance. We are not making any changes to the speed limits, and the use of cameras to enforce the speed limit is not new either. The installation of average speed cameras is simply a technological improvement to this stretch of the M4. They also help to reduce frustrating stop-start congestion by encouraging drivers to maintain a constant speed over longer distances compared to spot cameras. They are also safer and less disruptive to operate and maintain than the cameras they replace. The cameras are yellow in colour and will have clear signage so that drivers know they are there.

Are they part of the planned Junction 3 to 10 upgrade plan?

No.

Will they be under the met police or transport for London?

The Metropolitan Police.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review. Our internal review process is available at:

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on [REDACTED] or e-mail [REDACTED]. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number [REDACTED] in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



