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Via Email

Direct Line:

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Dear Mr

### **M1 JUNCTIONS 6 - 13 JOURNEY TIMES**

Thank you for your email of 17 June requesting journey time information for the M1 junctions 6 – 13, by quarter since 2010.

For the M1 southbound between 06:00 and 08:59 and the M1 northbound between 16:00 and 18:59, average journey times and speed information can be found in the tables in Annex A attached.

You also ask us to indicate when the 50mph average speed cameras and variable speed camera gantries were active by quarter.

I can confirm that during the period of construction of the smart motorway between junctions 6 and 13, the temporary 50mph average speed cameras were active. We do not carry out speed camera enforcement and it is therefore a matter for the Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Road Policing Unit to decide whether to use the information provided by the cameras.

Similarly, I can also confirm that variable speed cameras mounted on gantries between junctions 6 and 13 are active. Enforcement again, is carried out by Hertfordshire, Bedfordshire and Cambridgeshire Road Policing Unit.

The primary function of the smart motorway is to smooth traffic flows and ease congestion, creating the potential for reducing accidents. This in turn, should improve journey times and create a better local environment from an air quality perspective.

More information about smart motorways can be found on our website at <http://www.highways.gov.uk/our-road-network/managing-our-roads/improving-our-network/smart-motorways/variable-speed-enforcement-on-smart-motorways-frequently-asked-questions/>

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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:  
<http://www.highways.gov.uk/foicomplaints>

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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:

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