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Via email

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Dear

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST A14 ORWELL BRIDGE AVERAGE SPEED CAMERAS**

Thank you for your email of 2 November requesting information about the average speed cameras on the A14 Orwell Bridge. We have now completed our search for information.

You ask for clarification about how the average speed is calculated within the 60mph speed restriction enforced by average speed cameras.

Other than the westbound services, there is no opportunity for vehicles to leave the A14 within the length monitored by the average speed cameras and the average speed is calculated across the whole distance ie a single mean average speed.

The extent of the 60mph speed limit restriction is as described in the schedule of The A14 Trunk Road (Orwell Bridge, Suffolk) (60 Miles Per Hour Speed Limit) Order 2016, a copy of which I attach for information at Annex A.

Drivers should proceed at no more than the regulated speed until they reach the end of the speed limit or risk facing a fine or prosecution. I would like to make it clear at this point that we, Highways England, are not responsible for enforcement of the speed limit, which is a matter for Suffolk Constabulary.

Signs and road markings indicating the speed limit and average speed cameras in each direction are summarised as follows:

- Start of 60 mph speed limit signs in both directions
- Seven “repeater” 60 mph signs across both directions
- National speed limit apply signs in both directions where the speed limit ends
- Supplementary ‘60’ road marking roundels at seven locations across both directions
- Prior to the first camera location in each direction there is an ‘average speed cameras’ sign including the symbol

- Prior to each of the subsequent camera locations there is a sign with the symbol only.

As this section of A14 is located within an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty, a Site of Special Scientific Interest and a Special Protection Area, our work to introduce the average speed limit had to strike a balance between providing sufficient signs and road markings so that drivers know, and are regularly reminded of, the restriction in place against the impact on the environmentally sensitive areas.

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:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/highways-england/about/complaints-procedure>

If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or email [info@highwaysengland.co.uk](mailto:info@highwaysengland.co.uk). 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 744,640 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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