

Our ref: FOI 717,461

Your ref:

NDD - Directorate Services Team
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20 March 2015

Dear

Thank you for your request for information about permanent speed limit variation Orders, dated 23 February 2015. I have dealt with your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

In your request you asked for the following information:

- *Please supply details of any roads managed by the Highways Agency where the permanent speed limit has been varied in the past two years.*
- *This does not include stretches of road where the limit has been temporarily reduced - for roadworks, for example. Stretches of smart motorway should only be included if the default speed limit, when the variable speed signs are off, has been altered.*
- *The response should include the speed limit before and after the change, the stretch of road affected with its length (if available), the date of the change and any reasons listed for the variation in speed limit*

I can confirm that we do hold the information. Under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information, which is already reasonably accessible to you. The information you requested is available via <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi>

However, please find attached a table of the permanent speed limit variation Orders from 23 February 2013 to 23 February 2015, with links to the online versions at the above website.

I can confirm that no Smart Motorways schemes have imposed a permanent speed limit below 70mph.

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number FOI 717,461 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:

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

If you require a print copy, please phone the Highways Agency Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail ha_info@highways.gsi.gov.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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