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Direct Line:

15 September 2015

**via email**

Dear

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
M1 MOTORWAY SPEED RESTRICTION ENQUIRY**

Thank you for your email of 10 September requesting information about speed restrictions in place on the M1 motorway. I have handled your request under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

You have indicated to us an alleged offence date, time and location of the M1 junction 7-6a (southbound) at 18:36:04 on 2 August 2015 and are requesting clarification of any speed restrictions in place along with locations for signage.

I can now confirm that during that period at the location specified the following restrictions were in place,

| Time Of Change | Restriction |
|----------------|-------------|
| 17:33:13       | 40          |
| 20:14:56       | 50          |

You also ask for information about where speed restriction signs were displayed. I confirm they were displayed on overhead gantries. However, under Section 21 of the Act, we are not required to provide information about their location which is already reasonably accessible to you. Gantry locations are easily identifiable via Google maps at <https://www.google.co.uk/maps>.

I am also able to advise you that the safety cameras are certified by the Home Office to ensure that they operate fairly and provide legal proof of the speed limit displayed. This involves strict design requirements which mean that they can only enforce a reduced speed limit if it is correctly displayed and the system is working properly; they are not capable of enforcing a different limit to the one which is displayed or if a fault is detected.

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 e-mail [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  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number CRS 727,602 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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