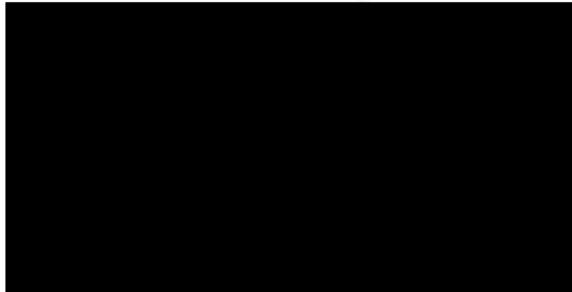


11 May 2017



I am writing to confirm that we have now completed our search for the information, which you requested on 10 April 2017.

I have responded to your questions in the same sequence as your original format for ease of reference. The original questions are highlighted in black text and our answers are highlighted in red.

1) When did the experiment start and how many times/ for how many hours has it been put into action?

The experiment started in April 2015. The Port of Dover has advised us that Dover TAP has been put into action 230 times since then.

1a) Exactly what data is being collected and where is it published for peer review?

The data relates to air quality and noise predominantly but also the impact on Dover town centre in terms of congestion. The Highways England Environmental Report was issued to the stakeholders' representatives (Dover District Council, Natural England, Kent Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty [AONB], and Kent County Council) for their agreement of the assessment of the environmental impact of Dover TAP. This is in accordance with The Highways Act 1980.

2) When will the experiment be finished?

We announced in September 2016 that the temporary 40mph speed limit on the coast bound A20 will be removed and instead new signs will be installed to allow the speed limit to revert to the national speed limit but drop to 40mph when Dover TAP is in place.

3) How much money has been raised in fines?

This would be a matter for Kent Police to respond to.

4) What is the cost to the general economy of the increased journey times in terms of driver hours lost - you may express this its (number of recorded vehicles x extra wasted time due to 40 mph limit)?

This analysis has not been carried out.

5) Why haven't you installed a variable speed limit on this stretch of dual carriageway?

The original intention was to carry out the works in March 2017, but due to the complexities around assessing the environmental and public health impacts we were legally obliged to consult with the relevant statutory environmental bodies.

Discussions with Kent Downs AONB and Natural England have now been concluded and the Notice of Determination of the outcome published in the press, as required by legislation. The work to install a variable speed limit on this stretch of dual carriageway is planned to start on Monday 15 May for 11 weeks, subject to no adverse weather conditions.

6) Could you not have 'keep clear' boxes to allow movement in and out of laybys?

Yellow box junction markings are prescribed for use in Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions (TSRGD) 2016. The purpose of 'Keep Clear' yellow box markings is to mark an area of carriageway conveying the prohibition that a person must not cause a vehicle to enter the box junction, so that the vehicle has to stop within the box junction due to the presence of stationary vehicles. It would not be possible to use yellow boxes to allow movement in and out of laybys as they are not prescribed for use under the above regulations.

If you are unhappy with the way we have handled your request you may ask for an internal review within 2 months of the date of this response for Freedom of Information requests and within 40 days for Environmental Information Regulations requests.

Our internal review process is available at:

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

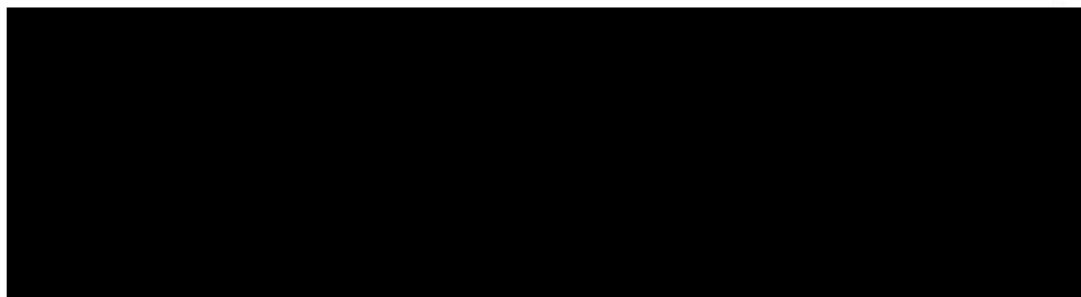
If you require a print copy, please phone the Information Line on 0300 123 5000; or e-mail info@highwaysengland.co.uk. You should contact me if you wish to complain.

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:

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If you have any queries about this letter, please contact me. Please remember to quote reference number CRS 750534 in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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