

**Please ask for :** Alethea Fuller  
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**Our Reference:** 2025-00888  
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Date: 01/08/2025

Dear FOI Applicant,

Thank you for your freedom of information request received in this office on 08 July 2025 in which you asked a series of queries regarding the impact of newly introduced 20mph speed limits in the Balsall Heath, Meriden and Berkswell areas, broken down by parish and zone. In response to your request, I can confirm:

***'The evidence that was collated and used as evidence to support the need and installation of these zones.'***

- I can confirm that we do not hold this information for the zones or installation of average speed cameras. This decision was made and funded by Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council, who may be able to provide this information. For details on how to submit an Freedom of Information request to the council, please visit: [Freedom of Information | Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council](#).

***'By month, the accident rates, prosecution rates and numbers of drivers caught in the twelve month prior to their installation.'***

- In 2024, in the Meriden neighbourhood there were 8 casualties with serious injuries resulting from 6 serious collisions. 5 of there were in the Solihull LPA and 1 was in the Sandwell LPA.
- Broken down by month as follows:
  - 1 in March
  - 1 in April
  - 1 in July
  - 2 in August
  - 1 in September
  - 2 in November
- Please note - this data will not include any collisions that do not result in a fatality or serious injury.
- The OPCC does not hold prosecution rates or number of drivers caught in the months prior to installation in these area. However, this information may be held by West Midlands Police.
- In order to be of some assistance, please see the following contact details should you wish to submit your request to West Midlands Police.

Freedom on Information Unit

West Midlands Police  
PO Box Box 52, Lloyd House  
Colmore Circus Queensway  
Birmingham  
B4 6NQ  
E-mail: [foi@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:foi@westmidlands.police.uk)

***'Also by month, provide the same information for the period since the installation of both the zones and the average speed cameras.'***

- So far in 2025 in the Meriden neighbourhood there has been 1 serious collision with 1 casualty with serious injury.
- I can confirm that the OPCC does not hold data for each zone.
- However, please see the attachment titled, 'FOI-30-Accident and Prosecution Rates Attachment 1', which is for tickets processed by the Central Ticket Office which will result in some form of prosecution. Each ticket has four possible disposal methods - retraining scheme, conditional offer of fixed penalty, court appearance, cancelled for various reasons. In instances where tickets are cancelled, there will be no prosecution. If the individual attends a training course, this is not classified as a prosecution. However, fixed penalties and court cases are considered as prosecutions.

***'Finally the number of appeals lodged against the fines, and their success rates, broken down as before.'***

- Once again, the OPCC does not hold this information. However, this information may be held by West Midlands Police.

## **Freedom of Information Right of Appeal**

Any person who has requested information from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and is unhappy with the way their request for information has been handled can request a review of their case.

A request for review must be made in writing by letter or email. You should include the reference number of your request if you have it, and outline why you are requesting the review to:

Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner  
Lloyd House  
Birmingham  
B4 6NQ

Telephone: 0121 626 6060  
Email: [wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk](mailto:wmpcc@west-midlands.pnn.police.uk)

All requests for review will be recorded. Receipt of a request for internal review will be acknowledged and the appellant informed of an estimated date for determining the outcome. The OPCC will attempt to respond to internal reviews as soon as practicable and in any case within two months.

All investigations will be undertaken by someone not involved in the original response.

The result of any internal review will be communicated to the appellant outlining the decisions taken.

If you remain dissatisfied with the handling of your request or complaint, you have a right to appeal to the Information Commissioner at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

Telephone: 08456 30 60 60 or 01625 54 57 45  
Website: [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)

There is no charge for making a request for internal review or appeal to the Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Fuller', enclosed within a thin black rectangular border.

Alethea Fuller  
Deputy Chief Executive