



Llywodraeth Cymru  
Welsh Government

Ein cyf/Our ref ATISN 13749

12 February 2020

Dear,  
**Request for Information – ATISN 13749**

I wrote to you on 4 February regarding your request for information on the average speed cameras installed on the A470. You asked:

1. What is the status of the installation?
2. Is it finished?
3. How much did the overall scheme cost to install?
4. Are there plans to improve signage identifying start and finish points of average speed on entry junctions to the A470?
5. How many motorists have been caught speeding to date?

I confirm the Welsh Government holds some information caught by your request. The Freedom of Information Act provides a right to ask for recorded information held at the time a request is made and does not require an authority such as the Welsh Government to provide views or opinions where those views are not already recorded. This is confirmed by the Information Commissioner's guidance 'The Guide to Freedom of Information', page 7:

*"The Act does not cover information that is in someone's head. If a member of the public asks for information, you only have to provide information you already have in recorded form. You do not have to create new information or find the answer to a question from staff who may happen to know it."*

With the above in mind, I can confirm that no recorded information is held for questions 1, 2 and 4. That said, I can advise that the average speed camera system



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was commissioned and became operational in September 2019 and works to make the cameras operational have been completed. However, further improvements may be undertaken in the future. There are currently no proposals to provide additional signing on the entry points to the 50mph speed limit either on the A470 main carriageway or entry slip roads. Again, further improvements may be undertaken in the future.

For question 3, the cost of the average speed camera system and the associated traffic signs is £611,579.

We do not hold any information caught by your final question. This is because the average speed cameras have only been used to monitor traffic speeds.

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ  
or Email: [Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales). Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely