

Freedom Of Information FAQ's

Q1. Who was the operator at the time of the offence?

A. At the fixed penalty stage we are not obliged to release this information. Should this matter go to court then the name of the operator will be disclosed to the Crown Prosecution Service accordingly.

Q2. Can I see all the current training and procedure certificates for the said officer?

A. The training to operate any camera device, used by this Partnership, is held by the manufacturer's UK agents of the equipment. Officers who complete the training course for the Lastec are accredited to Instructor level. All operators are then trained by these Instructors for a period of up to 6 months. Training for the Gatso cameras is provided by the manufacturer.

Q3. Can you provide identification of the actual equipment used to record the alleged offence?

A. Details of all speed enforcement technology can be found on this website.

Q4. Can I see all maintenance and calibration records for the identified equipment?

A. The radar and camera devices are calibrated annually by the manufacturer, as called for in the Home Office Speed Meter Handbook, with the user (Devon and Cornwall Constabulary) holding the resulting calibration certificates. The original calibration certificate forms part of Police evidence and it is the policy of the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary not to send copies in the post. The laser speed detection equipment is tested in accordance with both the manufacturer's and ACPO's (Association of Chief Police Officers) guidelines prior to every deployment. Maintenance and calibration certificates are held by the manufacturer. This information is admissible as court evidence.

Q5. Can I see proper documentation that states that the calibration procedures for the actual site have been actioned accordingly and noted by the equipment operator?

A. In selecting a site, the location is evaluated by the manufacturer's surveyor, who holds all commissioning records, in consultation with the Police.

Q6. Can you identify the exact location of equipment used to record the alleged offence?

A. All camera locations can be found on this website.

Q7. Can you provide documentation that the site used was totally suitable for this type of equipment and free from any type of contamination?

A. The question of site suitability has been answered in question 5.

Q8. Can you confirm that the site used fulfils any guidelines set down in legislation i.e. length of site and accident criteria?

A. All enforcement sites within the Devon and Cornwall force area are enforced in accordance with Government guidelines. These guidelines can be found in the Department for Transport Handbook held on their website www.dft.gov.uk. Please remember that these are purely

guidelines, **not legislation**, and in no way invalidate a speeding offence under the Road Traffic Act 1988.

Q9. Can you provide evidence that the 85th percentile speed was greater than the ACPO guidelines?

A. This can be provided. However, the 85th percentile is only part of the criteria needed for justification for enforcement. In some cases we have Government approval to enforce at sites of community concern.

Q.10. Can I see a copy of the force's procedures for the use of this type of equipment?

A. All operators have a regulatory manual but this is copyright material and we would be unable to reproduce it. All sites used by the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary comply with these regulations.

Q.11. Where can I find a copy of the manufacturer's manual for the speed detection equipment?

A. The instruction manual for the Gatso fixed camera is held by Serco Justices, Unit 1, Jackson Way, Great Western Industrial Park, Southall, Middlesex, UB2 4SF. The manual for the Lastec is held at Tele -Traffic UK, LaserTec Centre, C2 Harris Road, Warwick, CV34 5JU