

Question 1

Can you confirm that the Thames Valley Police Road 'Camera' Scheme operates without:

- (i) A published community based risk assessment criteria/matrix concerning the establishment or removal of speed detection devices
- (ii) Operates with no performance measures or targets being set at either the strategic or operational level

The Commissioner is aware that Thames Valley Police operates an evidence based assessment of all potential enforcement sites when considering sites and for decommissioning. This takes into account; collisions, any available speed data, any available Community Speedwatch, enforcement or other educational evidence and any specific local road layout or hazards

The Commissioner can confirm that TVP operates with no performance measures or targets being set at either the strategic or operational level.

Question 2

Specifically in relation to the independent analysis of the Scheme as published at www.info4u-bucksspeedcameras.co.uk can you confirm that you agree with the data and its evidential findings.

The Commissioner will not comment on any independent analysis.

Question 3

In relation to the Scheme can you confirm that you will give a clear commitment towards implementing a community risk based policy framework that encompasses the points set out below:

- 1 Prevent any further expansion of the scheme (fixed and mobile)

The Commissioner points out that speed camera enforcement is just one of many tools used by TVP to help improve road safety on our roads. Within his Police and Crime Plan he stressed the point that road safety is of major importance and it is essential that the police and local authorities work closely to make our roads a safer place. Speeding still remains a major concern for many within communities and the Commissioner will ensure that TVP will continue to carryout speed enforcement to help address these concerns.

- 2 Withdraw the use of mobile devices at locations where no road collisions have been recorded.

Speed camera enforcement is not restricted to locations where there have been injury collisions; a full assessment is made as outlined above and if there is evidence of speed and a risk to road users then camera enforcement will be considered as a potential solution along with other options such as, education through the Community Speedwatch initiative, the use of Speed Indication Devices and roadside enforcement by local Neighbourhood Officers.

- 3 Contingent to (1) above, to only deploy fixed and mobile devices at locations where the number of road collisions exceeds an agreed threshold over a given period of time; and conversely to withdraw such devices where the number of road collisions falls below an agreed threshold over a given period of time

All camera enforcement sites are regularly reviewed to ensure continued justification and to identify sites which should be decommissioned using the assessment outlined above.

- 4 Phase out the use of fixed and mobile devices at established locations that have a Related Performance of either weak or poor in favour of other road safety initiatives such as improved road signage, road layout and locally based community initiatives.

TVP Traffic Management Officers are part of the site selection process and work with the local and unitary authorities regarding signage and layout of the road if identified as an issue.

- 5 To publish on an annual basis the 'Rated Performance' and Income Generated from fixed and mobile devices, together with all performance metrics and targets set in relation to their operation.

The Commissioner is also aware that TVP do annually publish fixed camera site performance data, as per Dft requirements. As stated earlier there are no targets or performance related measures and income is simply included within all TVP reported finances.