

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST

REQUEST NUMBER: 12 - 2021

REQUEST DETAILS:

I am writing to you under Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information from Suffolk Constabulary:

- 1a) How many times has Suffolk Constabulary recorded incidents of Speeding alongside London Road Kessingland, London Road Giselham, The Street in Rushmere (Rushmere near Kessingland), South Lowestoft Industrial Estate, Whites Lane in Kessingland and Church Road in Kessingland. I am asking from January 2017, and what has been recorded by Suffolk Police through the Main Contact and Control Room.
- 1b) What grading has each reported incident has for Speeding since January 2017 for the said roads in 1a. (London Road Kessingland, London Road Giselham, The Street in Rushmere, South Lowestoft Industrial Estate, Whites Lane in Kessingland and Church Road in Kessingland.
- 2) How many mobile enforcement vehicles does Suffolk Constabulary have currently for enforcing speeding?
- 3) How many times have roads in Lowestoft been policed by policing officers since January 2015?
- 4) How many offences have been recorded by Suffolk Police for Speeding and Anti-Social Behaviour recorded for the following places since January 2017: Kessingland Bypass A12, London Road Gisleham, London Road Kessingland, The Street in Rushmere, Whites Lane in Kessingland, Church Road in Kessingland and the Fortress Estate in Carlton Colville.
- 5) What is the policy and procedure for senior police officers to decide that proactive speed enforcement in a location is decide. What criteria do they use? Please can you send me any documentation relating to this.
- 6) Can I have a copy of all e-mails, letters, memos, documents which Tim Passmore and Anna Parkinson have sent and received in relation to the speeding and anti-social behaviour happening on the A12 Kessingland Bypass. I am asking from January 2020 please.

RESPONSE

- 1a) Response will be provided by the Suffolk Constabulary Freedom of Information team.
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6) Please find documents enclosed.

Songer, Greg

From: Passmore, Tim
Sent: 20 July 2021 14:40
To: Songer, Greg
Subject: FW: Excessive noise and disturbance

Just for info Greg.....

From: [REDACTED] (SCC Councillor)
Sent: 20 July 2021 11:21
To: CEO Lowestoft
Cc: Passmore, Tim
Subject: RE: Excessive noise and disturbance

My telephone number is below.
I shall be available from 13.00 – 14.00 today and tomorrow from 08.00 to 09.00 then from 11.30 onwards to take a call.
With kind regards

Cllr [REDACTED]
Suffolk County Councillor

From: CEO Lowestoft
Sent: 19 July 2021 14:20
To: [REDACTED] (SCC Councillor)
Subject: RE: Excessive noise and disturbance

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Thank you for your email. If you provide me with a contact number I am happy to discuss this with you over the telephone.

In short we did have numerous calls last night and we did send units to deal. Happy to update you further via the telephone.

Many Thanks

Police Constable

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Access the advice here: www.suffolk.police.uk/1stprinciple

From: [redacted] (SCC Councillor)
Sent: 19 July 2021 10:40
To: CEO Lowestoft
Cc: Passmore, Tim [redacted] (SCC Councillor)
Subject: Excessive noise and disturbance

Last night police contact numbers had many calls from residents of Pakefield and Kessingland trying to report the excessive noise of revving engines and back firing exhausts which was constant from about 21.00 until 02.00. The noise carried through the entire communiies, people were trying to sleep and could not. Animals were terrified. Children were woken up. The backfiring was the worst element of the noise with engines roaring up and down the dual carriageway and along Bloodmore Road and back again and again. Clearly exceeding speed limits.

Was it impossible for just one patrol car to attend to send they boy racers packing?
Please explain your lack of response to this issue which upset so many people for five hours last night.

Kind regards

Cllr

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Songer, Greg

From: SPCC - Suffolk <SPCC@suffolk.police.uk>
Sent: 23 July 2021 14:51
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Kessingland bypass (A12)

[REDACTED]

Thank you for contacting the office of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Mr Passmore has requested I respond on his behalf.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is not responsible for operational policing as this responsibility remains with the Chief Constable, he would therefore be unable to direct the Constabulary on how to act in relation to this incident. This office has however contacted Suffolk Constabulary for comments on the concerns raised.

The Lowestoft Safer Neighbourhood Team is aware of these issues, and a designated police operation is in place to address this and also encompasses other antisocial use of motor vehicles around the Gateway Retail Park as well as the A12 at Kessingland. The speed camera on the A12 junction with the Aldeburgh turn was installed to reduce the high speed road traffic collisions that were occurring at the junction due to the fact that it is a cross-over junction which does not feature in the A12 at Kessingland.

If members of the public report this antisocial use of motor vehicles when it is happening the Contact and Control Room (CCR) will grade the call appropriately, and determine the most suitable response. The Constabulary Roads and Armed Policing Team has also been made aware of this issue, and asked to attend with specific ASB vehicle related equipment.

More generally, the Constabulary has focused on speeding as one of the 'Fatal Four' offences which result in a serious injury or fatal collision alongside drink/drug driving, using a mobile phone and not wearing a seatbelt. The Constabulary Safety Camera Team operates a number of mobile enforcement vehicles, which are deployed daily across the county focussing on locations where there is an assessed risk of collisions, where a number of fatal or serious injury road traffic collisions have occurred or where there have been substantiated complaints from local people. The Safety Camera Team has an existing site on the A12 at Kessingland, and has had for a number of years, where speed enforcement is carried out.

The Constabulary can reassure you that drivers caught speeding will be issued with a Traffic Offence Report (TOR) which can result in them receiving a fixed penalty notice, points on their licence, attending speed awareness courses and appearing in court.

It is important to note that average speed cameras and changes to the speed limit are the responsibility of Suffolk County Council. Therefore you may wish to contact them directly if you have any concerns in relation to these areas.

I hope you find this information to be of assistance and I would encourage you to contact the Lowestoft SNT (lowestoft.snt@suffolk.pnn.police.uk) if you require any further details on the Constabulary action on this issue.

Regards

On behalf of Tim Passmore
Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk

Greg Songer
Correspondence and Complaints Review Officer
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk
Police Headquarters, Martlesham Heath, Ipswich, IP5 3QS



From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 July 2021 12:13
To: SPCC - Suffolk <SPCC@suffolk.police.uk>
Subject: Kessingland bypass (A12)

Dear Sir (Tim)

Firstly, my apologies for impacting your busy day - I'm sure you have many pressing challenges to address.

My email is with reference to the A12 Kessingland bypass - I will start by using the analogy "*If you buy a house next to a pub, can you really moan about the noise from the pub*" - therefore, the focus of my email would like to put the lens on safety.

I'd like to bring it to your attention (*I have telephoned and it has been fruitless*) that at multiple times during the week (especially at night - *Sunday evening seems to be the worst*) it seems like I am living on the film set of *The Fast & The Furious*; or perhaps *Mad Max*.

My supporting evidence is the consistent rapid acceleration; plus, de-acceleration of multiple vehicle types as they deem to excel to 'top of the shop' for lap times down, around and back-up the A12 Kessingland bypass.

With limited / to-no road Marshall's, unaware members of the public using the road; or emergency vehicles stationed to support any incidents I suggest this is not a safe environment for the contestants; or, the public. Plus, the cost / hit to the Highways Agency and local council budgets (for maintaining the road surface) must also be a burden.

In addition - and in my humble opinion, *as an intelligent amateur*, the current controls on the Kessingland A12 bypass does not calm traffic to ensure the safe merging into one lane as the flow heads towards the Morrison's roundabout.

Risk, and the materialisation of risk to an Issue; plus, the impact from the issue is real, with regular arrivals of the emergency services, including the air ambulance service.

Also to be considered is the financial recovery for the hospitality sector and Africa Alive. Will the public (*local and visitors*) feel safe with this racing; **and what could be done to help mitigate the risk of high spirit racing and poor traffic / policing controls?**

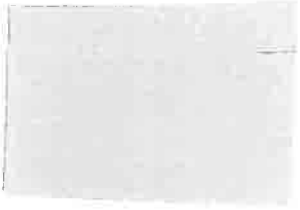
A suggestion would be, where else on the A12 has speed and traffic controls enhanced safety?

Could we not learn from controls set at the A12 / A1094 Saxmundham / Aldeburgh (*speed limit set to 50mph with a support speed camera*)?

I do hope this communication is taken in the spirit of enhancing road safety, rather than just a noise complaint. Hence, here's hoping a speedy solution (*whatever is decided*) will improve /evolve safety and public life - rather than waiting for the stats / or a death to be recorded prior to the powers that be to then state '*yup we should now do*

something'

Kind Regards



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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 09 July 2021, 17:23
To: Passmore, Tim [REDACTED]
Subject: attention of Tim Passmore

[REDACTED]

I would like to draw your attention to the constant car racing and motor bike racing .Sunday evening the car racers even sealed off the roundabouts so the racing cars could lap up and down the a12 dual carriageway.

This is now known as a local mid night racing track that usually starts about 10 and finishes in the early hours. Someone is going to be killed along this stretch and it will more than likely be some poor member of the public travelling home to their family .

This has got to stop a camera van between 8 and six is ok during the day but surely average speed cameras on the dual carriageway and average speed cameras along the stretch from the roundabout to morrisons.Also the speed limits lowered , people take their lives into their own hands when trying to cross the road . I've seen a school lad run off the road on his bike by a speeding lorry.

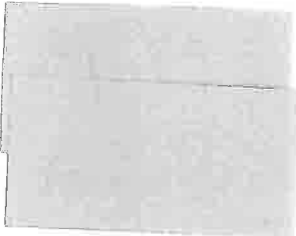
He was so shocked I picked him up out of the ditch. I offered to call an ambulance but he just wanted to get home.He was very shaken.

air ambulance taking a collision victim to hospital .

numerous accidents where two cars are racing and wont give way .

Sunday evening was the last straw ,
there will be a terrible death on this road.

Please could you see that something is done about this .



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