

Northamptonshire County Council

By Email
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Please ask for: Tel: Freedom of Information 01604 368360

Our ref: Your ref:

Date:

FR7602 3rd October 2017

Dear Mr Robson,

Information Request: FR7602

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request dated 11th September 2017 which was received by us on 12th September 2017. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act and is detailed below in italics.

(Please note the extract below has been taken directly from your original information request and is unedited).

Our Response

The Freedom of Information Team has been provided with the following information in response to your recent request on behalf of Northamptonshire County Council (NCC).

TRADING STANDARDS FOI

Illegal car clocking/ vehicle mileage adjustment is in the news at the moment as such could you answer the following questions.

- 1) How many cases of car clocking has your council investigated in the last 5 years? 74 complaints including a car clocking element. Not all will be justified.
- 2) Of those cases, how many were dealt with by prosecuting the suspected offenders? **One** (2014).
- 3) How many of those prosecutions were successful? One.
- 4) In total, how many vehicles were involved in the successfully prosecuted cases? 12
- 5) What is your council's policy for alerting innocent members of the public and motor trade to vehicles the council has successfully proven have been "clocked"? **No written policy.**

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6) Can you provide confirmation in respect of question 5 of the type of action you have taken to warn people about the vehicles you have discovered to have been clocked? Press release after a successful prosecution.

For example, publishing vehicle details, alerting Auto Trader or other specialist publications; registering data with HPI and other mileage data services.

7) Has the council or trading standards department seized any "clocked" vehicles over the past five years and subsequently destroyed them? **No**.

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If you are unhappy with the response, you can ask the Council to review it. To do this please write to the address below:

Mr Simon Deacon Reviewing Officer Northamptonshire County Council One Angel Square Angel Street Northampton NN1 1ED

Email dataprotection@northamptonshire.gcsx.gov.uk

If our internal review does not resolve the issue to your complete satisfaction, you have the right to apply to the information Commissioner for a decision at the following address:

Information Commissioner Wycliffe House Water Lane Wilmslow Cheshire SK9 5AF

Or, if you have any complaints in respect of your information request please complete the on-line comments form that can be found at www.northamptonshire.gov.uk, along with a full set of quidance.

Yours sincerely

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