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Dear Mr Fallon

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: HC/03994/09

The following response has been provided by Hampshire Constabulary in respect of your FOI request which related to a newspaper article in Daily Mail:

Please confirm the speed limit for the road and the alleged speed of the vehicle in the case.	The speed limit for the road is 30mph. Information relating to the actual speed of the vehicle has been exempted under the following exemption: S40(2)(b) Personal Information
Please confirm the name of the road.	Anglesea Road
Please advise if the prosecution cost were actually about £1,250 and why.	These costs were not the prosecution costs.
Please clarify my confusion over the statement `this started off as a speeding offence and has turned out to be a criminal matter`. Is a `speeding offence` by itself a `criminal offence` or some other sort of `offence`, and would an ordinary person receiving points for speeding technically only have a criminal conviction `if they pleaded `not guilty` but were found guilty in court?	Freedom of Information covers information that is `held` or recorded. There is no requirement to create information to clarify or explain. However, by way of an explanation, the following has been provided: <i>Excess speed is a speeding offence and not a criminal record matter. Perverting the Course of Justice, however, is an indictable offence and is only heard at Crown Court.</i>



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COMPLAINT RIGHTS

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI Section at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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Freedom of Information Officer