

Ref: FOI2020/07030

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Dear Mr Buckley,

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Thank you for your email of 19 June 2020 requesting the following information:

"I would like to submit an FOI request regarding the speed restrictions for the Buntingsdale Park Road; whether it has been officially logged, registered and approved by the Council to be anything other than the nationally recognised Highway Code speed limit of 30 mph. Please also advise as part of the response to the below questions (i.e. whose responsibility is it to police and regulate these roadways and does that fall under the default Highway Code of 30pmh for built up areas?).

Therefore, my FOI is broken down into a multipart criterion questions as follows:

- 1 Has there been an official request to lower the speed limit of this roadway with the authorities to any other speed lower than 30 mph? Assuming the road defaults to national policing and highway standards in a residential area, what is the currently registered, approved, and expected speed limit of the estate road?
- 2 In deciding on the local speed limit restrictions, what assessments were carried out and when which could include (but not limited to):
- a) clear evidence of the effect of reducing traffic speeds on the reduction of collisions and casualties
- b) statistics of casualties and accidents on this specified roadway in Buntingsdale to warrant a change in speed and the reasoning given to warrant that change
- c) previous average speed analysis and frequency of road usage for residential cars travelling in and out of the estate over the time period that was measured'.

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

The Ministry of Defence requires further information in order to determine whether it holds any information within the scope of your request. This is because your request refers to Buntingsdale Park Road (TF9 2EX), however, the Department has been unable to locate this road despite extensive online searches and after liaising with local authorities at Tern Hill. The Department has located a 'Buntingsale Road', however, it is not clear from its location that this is the road you are referring to. In particular, it may be useful if you could provide a map/a screenshot of a map pin-pointing exactly which road you are referring to and where this is.

Once you have clarified your request, I will be pleased to consider it again.

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you have any queries regarding the content of this letter, please contact this office in the first instance.

If you wish to complain about the handling of your request, or the content of this response, you can request an independent internal review by contacting the Information Rights Compliance team, Ground Floor, MOD Main Building, Whitehall, SW1A 2HB (e-mail CIO-FOI-IR@mod.gov.uk). Please note that any request for an internal review should be made within 40 working days of the date of this response.

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Yours sincerely,

DIO Secretariat