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Dear Ms Kirk

Thank you for your mail and letter dated 26 January 2022 regarding speeding in rural areas, and in particular the village of Moulton.

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.

You referred in your letter to enforcement being focussed on areas with history accidents/injury. The Constabulary Safety Camera Team operates a number of mobile enforcement vehicles, and these are indeed deployed daily across the county of Suffolk focussed at Suffolk at locations where there is an assessed risk of collisions, and where a number of fatal or serious injury road traffic collisions have occurred. However, in addition the Team can consider enforcement in areas where there have been substantiated complaints from local people.

In respect of the village of Moulton, the Safety Camera Team does have an enforcement site at the C653 on Newmarket Road, and in the previous 12 months the Safety Camera Team has visited the site on nine occasions and detected 17 speeding offences.

The Constabulary does encourage communities to set up Community Speed Watch (CSW) schemes, and Officers from the Mildenhall Safer Neighbourhood Team have supported the Community Speed Watch Scheme, and have carried out their own speed enforcement when able. Officers have been asked to consider further targeting in the area.

You referred to the data which can be obtained through the use of VAS/SID signs. The Safety Camera Team carries out enforcement at locations based on data from Speed Detection Radars (SDR) equipment, and this is seen as a consistent method of collecting speed data across the County. VAS signs used across the County do differ, and as a result the data is presented in a variety of ways. I do appreciate that Parish Councils wish to assist by providing this data, but the differing ways in which the data is shown does present challenges in terms of the Safety Camera Team's capacity to analyse all of the information. This is regularly reviewed, but at present the team is unable to process VAS data.

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More widely, the Constabulary also supports the national speeding awareness campaigns run by the National Police Chiefs Council. This involves an increased number of checks and enforcement across the County for the duration of the campaign

During the last national campaign which took place in July/August 2021, 1,924 motorists were caught speeding in Suffolk during the two week-long enforcement campaign. 1,832 drivers were caught by fixed/mobile cameras while the remainder were caught by police officers on patrol.

I 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.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rachel Kearton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Rachel Kearton
Deputy Chief Constable