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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION (SCOTLAND) ACT 2002

I refer to your recent request for information which has been handled in accordance with the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002.

For ease of reference, your request is replicated below together with the response.

I refer to the Safety Camera Programme manual, a link to which is available from the Police Scotland Safety Camera website and more specifically to the site selection section and annex A.

I should start off by saying that I fully support the aim of the Safety Camera programme. My interest in this is purely academic. I am however a long-standing resident of the area around Auchinairn Rd and do not recognise it as a particular problem in terms of speed or either serious or fatal collisions.

Given that the guidance set out in the manual indicates that the site selection process has a focus on the most serious locations across the country I am curious to know the basis upon which Auchinairn Road was selected.

To that end I seek the following information in terms of the Freedom of Information Act:

Which agency instigated the consideration of Auchinairn Rd as a potential site?

This location was identified as a potential site during the annual site selection exercise in 2019, following analysis of collisions across the entire road network of Scotland. Having met the minimum criteria, in terms of collision 'points' per km, the West Safety Camera Unit discussed the site with East Dunbartonshire Council and both agreed that further investigation, including undertaking a speed survey here, was appropriate.

How many serious or fatal collisions have occurred at the site in the preceding 5 years in which speed was assessed as a ?

Over one kilometre, there were 10 slight injury collisions, resulting in 19 injuries, in the 5 years preceding the approval of the site (2014-2018). There were no serious or fatal injury collisions during that time.

What pre installation driver education measures were employed at the site?

Clarification

Reference is made at the start of paragraph 5.2 of the programme manual to the requirement that engineering and educational solutions must be considered prior to any application for site selection.

Police Scotland does not hold the requested information. In terms of Section 17 of the Act, this letter represents a formal notice that information is not held.

By way of explanation, there were no education measures that would be have been appropriate or effective at reducing injury collisions at that location accordingly none were employed.

Given that Auchinairn Road is a boundary between East Dunbartonshire and Glasgow City, did either or both local authorities contribute to the cost of the installation and which assumes jurisdiction for prosecutions from the site?

This section of Auchinairn Road is the responsibility of East Dunbartonshire Council as the site boundary occurs just south of the road. Please refer to the map provided at the end of this response, which shows the local authority boundary line.

Offences reported to the Procurator Fiscal are administered through the Glasgow Justice of the Peace court for this site.

All costs associated with the installation of safety cameras/sites are borne by the Scottish Government via grant funding and administered through the Scottish Safety Camera Programme Office. When roads authorities support by supplying materials or services e.g. providing signage, then they claim back these costs, with the exception of time spent by roads authority staff.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management - Glasgow at – foi@scotland.police.uk – quoting the reference number given.

If you are dissatisfied with the way in which Police Scotland has dealt with your request, you are entitled, in the first instance, to request a review of our actions and decisions.

Your request must specify the matter which gives rise to your dissatisfaction and it must be submitted within 40 working days of receiving this response - either by email to foi@scotland.police.uk or by post to Information Management (Disclosure), Police Scotland, Clyde Gateway, 2 French Street, Dalmarnock, G40 4EH.

If you remain dissatisfied following the outcome of that review, you are thereafter entitled to apply to the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner within six months for a decision. You can apply [online](#), by email to enquiries@itspublicknowledge.info or by post to Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner, Kinburn Castle, Doubledykes Road, St Andrews, Fife, KY16 9DS.

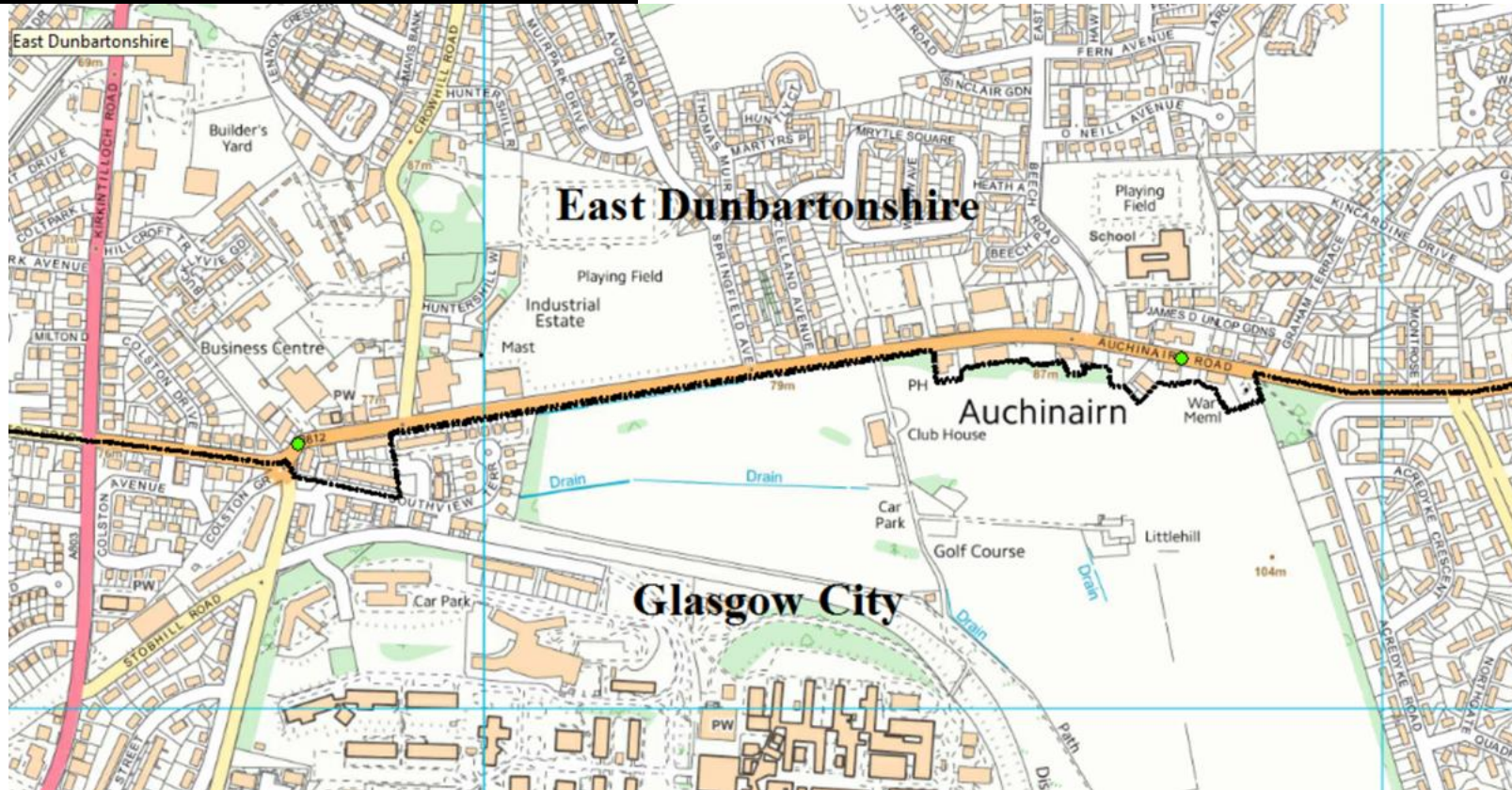
Should you wish to appeal against the Office of the Scottish Information Commissioner's decision, there is an appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law only.

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Map showing the local authority boundary line:



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