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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 hope you would be most kind in answering my query about the junction known as Mounthooly, often referred to as the "Mounthooly Roundabout" locally in Aberdeen.

For clarity - I refer to the junction at this location:

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.google.com%2Fmaps%2F%4057.1540536%2C-2.1007654%2C18.22z&data=05%7C01%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7Cec78a55c0816460f1f3508da49948c3d%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C637903199602199702%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&msdata=Is3ENeO3tE6jXCQf8Jo78GHABm4VgXB1h%2FuoghSbLFM%3D&reserved=0>

The junction does not permit a user to navigate it in the same way as one would a roundabout. For example, if one were to travel on approach from Gallowgate to Causewayend at the 2nd exit, one would use the left-hand lane, as illustrated in the Highway Code under rule 185, if it were a roundabout.

<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.highwaycodeuk.co.uk%2Froundabouts.html&data=05%7C01%7Cfoi%40scotland.police.uk%7Cec78a55c0816460f1f3508da49948c3d%7C6795c5d3c94b497a865c4c343e4cf141%7C0%7C0%7C637903199602199702%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWlloiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6IjEhaWwiLCJXVCI6Mn0%3D%7C3000%7C%7C%7C&msdata=sWOGBNBh0AJczsVvNOOpDn0ShK1AaTQCHohESLpU9xE%3D&reserved=0> (illustration about 1/3rd of way down the page)

The Mounthooly junction makes this impossible as the left hand lane does not complete a loop as it would on a normal roundabout.

My question is - is the Mounthooly junction a roundabout?

The Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 extends to the provision of *recorded information only*, and I can advise you that Police Scotland holds no formal documentation etc. which clearly specifies that Mounthooly Junction is definitely a roundabout. Nor is there any formal documentation etc. held which specifies that it is not a roundabout.

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As such, in terms of Section 17 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002, this represents a notice that the information you seek is not held by Police Scotland.

When looking at the available technical guidance and manuals, there does not appear to be an absolute distinction in terms of very large roundabouts that have multiple lanes, guidance markings, signal controls etc. from being referred to as a gyratory in addition to still being classed as a roundabout.

Whereas, a more specific example of an urban gyratory, as opposed to a roundabout, could be a series of one-way roads that form a gyratory system.

Thus, in terms of Mounthooly, it has some of the elements of a gyratory system on terms of size and guidance markings, however, would still be considered a roundabout; this being reflected in its adopted road status as 'Mounthooly Roundabout', with that same reference recorded in the National Street Gazetteer.

Should you require any further assistance please contact Information Management Dundee, 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.

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