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Dear Mr Belchamber

We are writing to you to inform you that Dorset Police needs to change the basis on which it engages with you.

Since early 2005, a large number of our staff have been in correspondence with you regarding your campaign against the use of speed cameras. During this time, you have used Freedom of Information requests and complaints to regulatory authorities, such as the Information Commissioner and the Independent Police Complaints Commission, to further your objectives. You have pursued all of these complaints to the limit of what is possible. We also note the IPCC rejected your most recent complaint against the Police and Crime Commissioner and labelled it an 'abuse of the complaints procedure and/or is vexatious'.

In 2011, Dorset Police identified that your requests for information were clearly vexatious under the Freedom of Information Act. This position was supported by the Information Commissioner's Office and both the First and Upper Tier Information Rights Tribunals on appeal. You have pursued a complaint through the IPCC and met with the Deputy Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner for Dorset to discuss the report of the resulting investigation. None of this costly and time consuming engagement has satisfied you.

At this point in time, we consider that you have exhausted all of the options available to you to pursue this matter. We have no doubt that you will seek to continue your campaign but we need to draw a line under our engagement on these matters.

If you need to report a crime or need emergency assistance then please contact the Police through the normal channels. However, Dorset Police will no longer respond to any communication from you that in any way attempts to raise the same issues or discuss these matters any further.

Yours sincerely

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