

Subject: Review and update of DfT Circular 01/2007

Dear Mark Harper,

As you will be aware, the 2020 His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire & Rescue Services (HMICFRS) Roads Policing inspection report¹ made two recommendations:

1. Recommendation 7: By 1 August 2021, the Department for Transport, in consultation with the Home Office and the Welsh government should review and refresh Department for Transport Circular 1/2007.
2. Recommendation 8: With immediate effect, chief constables should make sure that their force (or where applicable road safety partnerships of which their force is a member), comply with (the current version of) Department for Transport Circular 1/2007 (in relation to the use of speed and red-light cameras).

Greater Manchester Police and by extension the 10 GM Local Highway Authorities comply with (the current version of) Department for Transport Circular 1/2007.

However, the DfT Circular 1/2007 is outdated, and previous discussions and correspondence with the DfT over the last 2 years has confirmed that there is a positive commitment to producing a revised draft of the Circular. Once the updated Circular has been published, GMCA (supported by Transport for Greater Manchester (TfGM), and the Safer Roads Greater Manchester (SRGM) partnership) intends to develop a local guide to the deployment and use of safety cameras following the spirit of new guidance within an updated Circular. This work will be a necessary action as part of the emerging Vision Zero GM strategy expected in early 2024.

¹ [Roads policing: Not optional – An inspection of roads policing in England and Wales \(justiceinspectorates.gov.uk\)](https://www.justiceinspectorates.gov.uk)

Given the continued delays to the publication of the refreshed Department for Transport Circular 1/2007 I have been asked, as the Vice Chair of the GMCA Bee Network (Transport) Committee, to write to you to request an update on progress and when the revised draft is likely to be published. An understanding of this will enable Greater Manchester Authorities to plan and lead on an update to the approach for promoting speed and red-light compliance.

Greater Manchester looks forward to your response.

Yours Sincerely,



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