

[Applicant's name and address]

PCCS/00410/10
14 June 2011

Dear [Applicant]

I refer to your complaints about Dumfries and Galloway Constabulary ("D&G") and write to inform you of my decision in your case.

My office has considered the correspondence you sent in relation to your complaint and has carefully examined the file sent by D&G. You complained that D&G was not doing enough to address vehicles speeding in your village. To this end you raised three specific complaints, namely:

- (1) that there is a lack of flashing warning signs within the village and lack of traffic calming measures on the roadway;
- (2) that the positioning of the camera safety unit van is not correct; and
- (3) that there is a lack of interest by the police to use your driveway for the deployment of police vehicles.

I note that you received a response to these complaints from Superintendent A on 15 February 2011. Further to this letter, Chief Inspector B wrote to you on 3 May 2011 clarifying aspects of Superintendent A's response.

In response to complaint 1, you were informed that, with the exception of two speed signs installed by the local Safety Camera Partnership (SCP), traffic calming measures in your village are not the responsibility of D&G. You suggested to D&G that the two speed signs for which the SCP are responsible be moved to an alternative site; however, Sergeant C from the SCP informed you that due to government rules the speed signs cannot be moved to the location you suggested.

In relation to complaint 2, the person responsible for the deployment of the Camera Safety Unit van (Sergeant C) was consulted. It was explained to you by D&G that the van is suitably positioned in order to detect speeding vehicles from both directions of travel. I understand that you suggested an alternative positioning of the van and that this was passed to Sergeant C; however, the positioning of the van is entirely a matter for D&G to determine.

In response to complaint 3, D&G informed you that police patrol cars are not deployed in private driveways for insurance reasons, the potential for damage to property and the possibility of repercussions for the landowner. I am of the view that this response is appropriate.

Having read the content of Superintendent A's letter of 15 February 2010 and Chief Inspector B's letter of 3 May 2011 I am satisfied that your complaints have been dealt with in a reasonable manner and have nothing to add to the responses you have already received.

In accordance with my normal practice, this letter will be published, in anonymised form, on my office's website. This will occur on 17 June 2011.

Yours sincerely

John McNeill
Police Complaints Commissioner for Scotland