

Higher authorities whom I am consulting about false claims made by Safer Roads Humber and the refusal by them and others to withdraw them, have referred me to the *Civil Service Code* which sets out the standards of behaviour expected of civil servants. A copy of the Code can be accessed at the following link:

<http://www.civilservice.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2011/09/civil-service-code-2010.pdf>

Accordingly I have referred the DfT employees who are currently refusing to answer my entirely reasonable questions about the self-evidently nonsensical advice in the 2005 Handbook on calculating camera effect to that Code and asked them to reconsider, failing which I will report them for breaching it.

However I now understand that only those employed by central government are civil servants, those employed by local authorities are not. Accordingly I have asked the Local Government Ombudsman, who is currently investigating my complaints, for a copy of the Code that applies to local government employees.

If as I expect it is similar to that for civil servants it would seem to me likely that those involved in publishing these false claims and refusing to withdraw them when it is perfectly clear that they are wildly overstated are in breach of that code.

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