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Please copy to each member of the Surface Transport Panel

Dear Mr. Daniels, and others.

I apologise for the 4 working day delay in replying to your dismissive emails, due only to problems downloading from that particular address.

I first contacted TfL in July last year to point out that the data in your own report published a few days earlier confirms beyond rational doubt that your 1,000+ speed and red light cameras have no sensibly quantifiable effect on road accidents.

I asked for an appointment to see your people to demonstrate how simple arithmetic proves the point, but was repeatedly brushed off in a way I have long defined as the "My mind is made up, please do not confuse me with the facts" syndrome. aka "being in denial".

When I was MD of my own electronics company for thirty years - self-funded, as distinct from taxpayer funded - if anyone had contacted me to report a problem of any kind I would have dropped everything to listen and sort it out. Yet your response and that of your officials, and now it seems your Panel, has invariably been to refuse even to hear what I have to say, to see the evidence to which I refer or even to consider putting on hold further spending on these useless - or worse than useless - devices until you have checked the evidence. Indeed one reply some weeks ago did say that the figures would be assessed, but as you make no reference to that having been done - it would take only 30 minutes or so - it seems that you have either failed to do it. Six months after I first brought this to your attention, or else that you have done it and are so horrified by the outcome that you dare not mention it.

Indeed, you choose in your reply to rely on reports 10 years or so old, so seriously flawed that even a child could understand why they are nonsense. And many will, when I publish in the near future my large scale analysis proving that cameras provide no meaningful benefit not just in London but anywhere are all.

You are already aware of the summary written by Christopher Booker in the Sunday Telegraph, but as he did not have space enough to detail the method or show the graphs he referred to, I show them below.

a/ Combine the site data in the Fatal and Seriously injured columns in your July report into one KSI column for each year from 1990 to 2012.

b/ Add up each column, within that Excel sheet. to produce the following row of annual totals from 2000 to 2011 (I do yet not have to hand the 2012 totals for London)

**1479 1282 1179 1068 1014 1031 1098 1099 1108 917 1088 1058 1020 949 739 615 644 546
509 454 441 420**

These numbers do of course show the substantial falls to which you refer. But that totally misses the point, see below

c/ Now from police Stats19 records, enter 3 rows below that one the annual KSI numbers for London as shown in Stats19 reports. They are

**9546 8468 7813 6933 6616 7014 7319 7574 7362 6358 6185 6101 5671 5164 4171 3657
3947 3805 3531 3229 2889 2810**

As you see, KSI also fell very substantially across London where there were no cameras.

d/ Within Excel, deduct the first row from the second to show KSI numbers where there were no cameras. They are:

**8067 7186 6634 5865 5602 5983 6221 6475 6254 5441 5097 5043 4651 4215 3432 3042
3303 3259 3022 2775 2448 2390**

e/ Now scale down the 7186 non-site figure for 2001 (when there were hardly any cameras) to match the site number 1282 and scale down the 1990 and 1992 to 2011 numbers in the same ratio. (it happens that using 2001 gives a slightly better match than using 2001. This last row of numbers is

**1479 1317 1216 1075 1027 1097 1141 1187 1147 998 934 925 853 773 629 558 606 598
554 509 449 438**

f/ Still within Excel, select that last row and the site row and draw the following graph

The site graph is higher in the middle years only because the sites were selected for a certain number of accidents at that time

As you can see, **there has been no meaningful difference between the rate at which KSI fell at your sites and the rate at which they fell elsewhere.** What it more, your senior officials have been fully aware of this at least since September, yet did nothing to block your ludicrous plan to spend tens of millions more pounds of taxpayers money (and for that matter to continue to waste police time) to achieve nothing at all. Despite how many statisticians in your employ?

I tell you in all sincerity Mr. Daniels, that you can continue to write nonsense about ludicrously inaccurate ten-year-old reports until you are blue in the face, but nothing changes the facts I show here - and they are of course, your own facts, and facts that a work-experience youngster could understand - if he wanted too in half an hour.

And I tell you and your head in the sand colleagues too, that in my view your conduct in this matter amounts to a serious breach of your duty of care to the public you serve, and just as much a resigning matter as those that have in re recent years and months removed from office heads of other organisations which ignored complaints.

Yours sincerely,

Idris Francis