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**EMAIL 1 AC:** As a partner agency STC had immediate Access to Data added to TADU. This was on 78 occasions between 3/01/24 and 5/02/26. These dates covered all of the Consultation and EiP dates related to the Local Plan yet STC chose not to disclose them. Why was this?

Dear Mr Green

I refer to the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and to your request dated 30 January 2026.

Although the most of the information requested is not held we have provided some information regarding the individual questions detailed below:

- When was the TADU data related to traffic on the A194 Mill Lane E Whitemare Pool R/about during the 2024 - 2025 period, added to the TADU Data base?

Data are added to TADU's in house database on differing schedules due to the different types of traffic counters we deploy. Some upload weekly, some fortnightly, some monthly, and others on an ad hoc basis, however this can vary for a few reasons including counter failure, telemetry failure, staff leave, supplier system failure etc (although typically, unless there has been a hardware failure, data are stored on the counter until upload, so are rarely lost). The data for the 3501 traffic counter on Mill Lane are updated on roughly a weekly basis. **These data are available for partner agencies to access as soon as they are uploaded to our in house database. Over the past 2 years, we have uploaded data for site 3501 to our in house database on the following dates:**

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10/11/2025	12/08/2025	19/05/2025	20/02/2025	25/03/2024	03/01/2024

- When was the data detailed above put into the public domain?

We do not hold records on when specific data is published to the Power BI dashboard.

- Have any South Tyneside Council Officials or Officers requested this data at anytime between January 1st 2025 and December 31st 2025?

South Tyneside officers have their own accounts on TADU's background database, so they could access these data at any point. We do not hold records on when and if these data were accessed on our system.

- If Yes who were the Officers/Officials and what were the exact dates that it was requested?

We do not hold records on this.

If you have any queries regarding the contents of this letter please contact Anita Coleman.

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From: [PeterSlater@Gateshead.Gov.UK](mailto:PeterSlater@Gateshead.Gov.UK)

To: ddjs

Sent: **Tuesday, March 3rd 2026, 10:50**

Subject: RE: Request for Data related to Traffic Counter 3501

Hi Dave,

**EMAIL 2 PS:** Data Base showing extent of additional traffic on A194 Traffic Counter 3501. Excel Format in separate attachment showing dates immediately before deadlines for Hearings Statements and Verbal Hearings

Sorry, I can't give you access to the in house database as it sits behind our firewall, and only registered fixed IP addresses for partner authorities are able to get access.

Also, I would recommend against sending you the raw data files that we import, as they are in machine code (.dmp) format, so would be unlikely to be of much use to you.

**However, what I can do (and have attached for you) is a full report on all the traffic volume data that we hold on this site (in both directions) following the import of the data files in Excel format. This covers all of 2025, and to the end of February 2026 (as we got an update yesterday), which I hope is helpful?**

Kind regards,

Peter Slater

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Hi Peter,

Following on from an FOI response that I received from Anita Coleman on 25th February I have been made aware of the following:-

- The data for the 3501 traffic counter on Mill Lane are updated on roughly a weekly basis. These data are available for partner agencies to access as soon as they are uploaded to our in house database. Over the past 2 years, we have uploaded data for site 3501 to our in house database on the following dates:

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- The actual dates that Data was inputted into the 'in house data base' which is detailed below

Can I please ask if you are able to provide me with access to the 'in house data base' that Anita refers to in the FOI response. If you are unable to do so could I please ask if you are able to forward me the actual Data that was inputted for the 3501 Mill Lane Whitemare Pool traffic counter on the dates that I have highlighted in red. If you are unable to provide either of these then could you please let me know asap and I will request the data via a further FOI request.

Thank you for your time with this.

Kindest regards

Dave Green

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Hi Dave,

**EMAIL 3 PS : STC had immediate Access to Data added to TRADS but chose not to disclose this during EIP of Local Plan. Why was this?**

**Yes, South Tyneside Council are one of our partner authorities, so have direct access to our database (called TRADS). However due to the age of TRADS, there isn't a user admin trail that I can view on who has accessed the system and when, so I can't tell if and when they will have gone onto TRADS to view the newer data for this site.**

National Highways are slightly different to STC, in that they don't directly fund my team, so aren't quite a partner authority, although they do have access to our system as and when they require it. However, National Highways do have their own traffic counter network in addition to ours, so they may well use data from this in their assessments.

Kind regards,

Peter Slater

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**From:** ddjs

**Sent:** 03 March 2026 13:46

**To:** Peter Slater <PeterSlater@Gateshead.Gov.UK>

**Subject:** Re: RE: Request for Data related to Traffic Counter 3501

Hi Peter,

Thanks for your help with this it is greatly appreciated by many residents.

I'm assuming from the FOI response I had from Anita that South Tyneside Council are one of the partner authorities that would have direct access to the 'in house data base' as it is inputted, but could you possibly confirm whether National Highways are also one of the partner authorities that would also have access to this same data base.

Again Many Thanks

Dave