

Hertfordshire County Council

Charging Guidelines for Accident and Traffic Data

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1. Introduction

This note covers the current charging policy for the supply of accident and traffic data to third parties. It outlines which organisations will be charged and the levels of charges to be levied.

2. Third Party Charging

Hertfordshire County Council (HCC) will make a charge for all traffic and accident data provided to the commercial sector (eg consultants, solicitors etc), other councils (except in the case of district councils in order to exercise their duties as agents), central government and their agents, or any case in which the information is expected to be used for commercial gain.

The exception to this is where the data is to be used in a way which will benefit the county council (for example to inform joint authority traffic or accident studies) or where the commercial organisation is working on behalf of HCC.

Charges will not be levied from Hertfordshire residents, educational establishments, students and school children except where a substantial amount of data is involved.

HCC reserve the right to review the level and remit of charges on a regular basis to ensure they are consistent with those of our neighbouring authorities.

3. Charging levels

In 2014 it was recognised that the data charges had not been changed for several years and a review of charges being applied in other neighbouring authorities was undertaken. In order to bring us more in line with practice elsewhere the following charges now apply:

3.1 *Traffic Data Charges*

A minimum charge of £100 for the supply of first dataset will be levied.

A dataset is defined as one count site with traffic hourly traffic data being provided for both directions for a week from either an Automatic counter or manual directional count.

Thereafter £30 will be charged for each additional unit (eg speed data for a site or data from an additional site)

Some of our sites have been upgraded to remote (ITS) operation and can provide full classified count information over long time periods. This data will be charged at £150 per unit (which is defined as one week classified volume by direction).

Manual junction counts are charged at £75 per arm, giving the following charges:

£225 for a 3 arm junction

£300 for a 4 arm junction.

Requests for number plate survey data (ANPR data), origin and destination data or other data not covered above should be referred to the HCC data team for consideration.

3.2 Accident Data Charges

A minimum charge of £75 per unit (junction or link) for the first dataset shall apply. For this charge 5 years worth of accident data by severity will be supplied.

Additional charges shall then apply as follows:

- £50 for associated GIS plot
- £35 for non confidential data for an additional unit (junction or link)
- £50 for confidential data per unit (NB this data will only be made available to appropriate users who have signed up to approved procedures with regard to the use of confidential accident data).

Where there are large data requests there may be the opportunity to charge on a time cost basis instead.

4. Further information

The locations of our standard traffic monitoring sites can be found at

www.hertsdirect.org/trafficcounts

For further information on the availability of traffic or accident data or to request data please contact:

TPdata@Hertfordshire.gov.uk

Or call 0300 123 4040

Longer term action – continue to monitor source of data requests and consider widening the remit for charges – districts / other parts of HCC

