

## Appendix N

### The many downsides of speed cameras

- **Close to 40 known adverse effects** such as sudden braking, tailgating etc. that **increase collision rates** - see [www.safespeed.org.uk/sideeffects.pdf](http://www.safespeed.org.uk/sideeffects.pdf) (2007)
- Direct/indirect costs of **£200m-£300m pa** totalling some **£3bn** to date
- **1.4m pa drivers** pa attending Awareness Courses and 1m pa fined
- Some **8m working hours pa** lost attending awareness courses
- **1m near-paranoid drivers on 9 penalty points** at any given time
- **1,000's of drivers** losing their driving licenses each year
- **Many also losing their jobs, business and even homes**
- **100's of registered keepers/drivers jailed each year** for failing to identify drivers, breaching the *Right to Silence* available for any other offence, including terrorism and murder
- **Millions of safe drivers** paying higher insurance premiums
- **Effective police patrols** reduced where cameras are installed
- **Deterioration in the vital police/public relationship**
- **£10's of millions of profit pa diverted** to police and corporate providers of useless **Driver Awareness Courses**, much of that money would otherwise have gone to the Treasury i.e. the taxpayer in the form of fines.

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