

Speed indicator devices (SIDs) for Willington Village

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**Subject:** 2023 10 11 SIDS Project - Meeting Outcomes

Hi Rachel

It was nice to meet with you both this morning.

I have attached the necessary information that you will need to develop on to deliver this project. If you have any questions or wish to follow up on our walkthrough of your chosen locations/sites across the Parish, then please let me know and I will arrange a suitable time and date to meet with you. We are still open for the SIDS project to Town and Parish Councils and as far as I am aware the PCC Office is also still offering the £3,000 grant towards the cost of the scheme as well.

If Willington wish to pursue the scheme, I would advise that they might benefit from selecting multiple sites in one licence agreement and allow for the sign to be rotated around multiple locations, they don't have to utilise them all at once, but if they are all in the licence agreement it would be at only the £100 charge for the licence, in addition you can talk to which ever chosen provider you go with to have a sign rotated between 30 and 40mph limits.

I have enclosed some further information. Please note you cannot install on any concrete or cast-iron street lighting columns.

I have enclosed the cabinet report and information sheets relating to the project for you/the PC to read through at your leisure. Below are the next stages in the process for the PC to consider for the SIDS project.

### [PART A - Immediate Discussion](#)

The immediate stage in the process is for you as the PC to decide on the following elements as a Parish Council. Which one of the three providers you are going to go with procuring the signs from? Interactive sign suppliers and installers can be found by searching the web, although the following have been used by us from time to time:

- [Swarco](#)
- [Westcotec](#)
- [Coeval](#)

They have experience of securing the relevant permissions and insurances to work on our roads and their equipment meets with our standards. The list is not, therefore, exhaustive and applicants can use who they wish to, but it is important any supplier meets the standards outlined.

- Whether you are having the solar or battery-operated versions? If battery option, you will need somebody to take out the batteries and charge them respectively (with current electrical costs as well).
- What road safety message / display layout you want from your chosen provider?
- The submission of the forms for the grant from the PCC Office.
- The submission of the forms for the OITH application to DCC (Highways Hub)

You will need to submit a completed OITH application to the Highways Hub (form attached) that needs to be completed and it will **incur a charge of £100** by Legal Services at DCC for

Speed indicator devices (SIDs) for Willington Village the completion of the legal agreement for the licence. This is around 12 weeks to be completed, so the sooner you submit this the better, it will need a detailed location/site plan attaching as well. This is a separate application to that you may need to make regarding the attaching of the sign to a Street Lighting Column.

### [PART B – PCC Grant Element of the Scheme \(Not from Derbyshire County Council – but the PCC\)](#)

The attached application (word document) and link below are the side of the SIDS project relating to the offer of funding from the Officer of the Police Crime Commissioner, which you might find useful. A lot of the Parish Councils were more interested in the project once it became clear that there was scope to obtain a proportion of the grant allocation that the PCC has available to fund a SID sign up to the value of £3,000. The application document is what they needed to complete to request consideration for funding (copy attached). The web link provides more on the viewpoint of the PCC side of the process. **(This is purely a separate issue that the Police Crime Commissioner has decided on and therefore any queries relating to this aspect will need to be directed to the office of the PCC).**

<https://www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/finance-grants/road-safety-grant-scheme/>

### [PART C – Street Lighting Assessment Submissions – Applicable for Sites utilising Columns](#)

For the chosen location you will need to apply for these to be utilised and the column structurally assessed, please see the information below on this element of the process: The first instance you will need to complete the necessary application based on the following link: <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/street-lighting/decorations/attachments-to-street-lights.aspx>

Then the next stage after the above is to contact an organisation who can carry out the structural integrity testing of the chosen columns that the SIDS apparatus is to be installed upon. I am led to believe that there is a small charge for this inspection of each street lighting column application that is made for being assessed to the Parish Council. Once this has been completed and the report submitted, and the Objects Licence is submitted you have just the application with the PCC for the SIDS apparatus to make (if you so wish). Sorry, this will incur more work for the Parish Council to complete the Street Lighting Assessment. There are some organisations which can carry out the testing for you:

**Electrical Testing Ltd – The Bridge, Acle, Norwich, NR13 3AT, 01493 751859** <http://www.electricaltesting.co.uk>

**Kiwa CMT Testing - Unit 5 Prime Parkway, Prime Enterprise Park, Derby, DE1 3QB, - 01332 383333** <http://www.cmt-ltd.co.uk>

**Neoterik - Neoterik (c/o Fabrikat), Hamilton Road, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire, NG17 5LN, - 01623 857169** <http://www.neoterik.co.uk>

**KIWA Limited, Kiwa House, Malvern View Business Park, Stella Way, Bishops Cleeve, Cheltenham, GL52 7DQ Tel: 01242 677877**

**Catena Inspection & Engineering Services, Brookhill Industrial Estate, Brookhill Rd, Pinxton NG16 6NS**

**Tel: 01773 748556**

**[This is around £100 per column assessment.](#)**

### [PART D - Consideration – Sign Rotation between Sites](#)

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We have discussed the benefit with all the applications that someone in your village/parish being able to assist with the mobilisation/relocating of the sign around the mobile sites selected if you don't have three signs purchased and therefore have a need to rotate one round the 3 sites. It ideally will need to be someone who has Street Works Accreditation (CCS scheme). *The Street Works (Qualifications of Operatives and Supervisors) (England) Regulations 2016*. This allows them to operate safely and effectively in the public highway, if they have their own Construction based firm, they will likely have the necessary public liability insurance and the necessary tools, PPE and skills to move your SID sign around on whatever basis the PC wish to move the signs around. If you don't have someone in your village/parish that is prepared from this background to offer your assistance, you can utilise the services of one of the providers of the signs listed, however you will need to factor these additional costs into your budget and whole scheme costs

An alternative option is for you to contact your adjoining parishes, who are actively involved in the project, therefore they may have the relevant person within their parish who might be prepared to offer you the same assistance for a small remuneration? It might be worth a discussion with them if this is applicable.

### [Part E – OITH Application to Derbyshire County Council \(Highways Hub\)](#)

You will need to complete the attached OITH word document and provide attached location plans for your chosen sites across the Parish. This legal process will take about 10-12 weeks to complete.

### [Part F – Costs Summary](#)

You are looking at roughly:

- £100 OITH Licence Fee
- £70-80 per Street Lighting Column Assessment (if chosen)
- £200 per 89mm diameter traffic signpost installation (if chosen, costs for DCC to install – alternative to utilising a Street Lighting Column.
- £3,600 for the purchase of x1 SID sign plus the additional elements and the multiple bracket sets for all your chosen locations across the Parish.
- - the grant application of £3,000 from the office of the Police Crime Commissioner if successfully obtained.

So effectively outside of the grant from the PCC you are looking at supplementary costs to the Parish Council of around £1,500 to £2,000 for the project\* (\* - depending on number of locations for rotation that are selected).

### [Part G – Site Specifics – \(I can arrange for the location plans to be done for your chosen sites as part of your application\)](#)

We talked about the following sites:

#### **Site 1: Twyford Road, Utilise Street Lighting Column No.80408, opposite the Sub Station (o/s the School Grounds)**

You have the scope to rotate the sign here in either direction, it will be within a 40mph speed limit.

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**Site 2: The Castleway, utilise a New 89mm Traffic Signpost in Footway, Sign would be mounted at 2.1m to the underside on the post, so it would not impact on the visibility of vehicles exiting the access lane for properties Nos. 54 and the Vicarage**



You have the scope to rotate the sign here in either direction, it will be within a 30mph speed limit. Perhaps the landowners of the land for Nos. 68 to 80 can arrange to have their boundary fronting hedges extensively cut back to help enhance the visibility of the sign as you approach the location.

**Site 3: B5008 Etwall Road, Approach into Willington – No Site Needed.**

From our discussion and further reflection as you have alluded, we have the Level Crossing, bend in the road and then the permanent traffic signals, which makes any ability of a vehicle

Speed indicator devices (SIDs) for Willington Village to attain excessive speed difficult to achieve in this arrangement, therefore we will leave this approach out of the scheme.

**Site 4: Findern Lane, Approach into Willington – Utilise Street Lighting Column No. 080302, outside No.65**

Not sure if you want to utilise this approach in your scheme? It is a straight alignment carriageway in the 30mph as you come into Willington with some residential properties



**Site 5: B5008 Repton Road, Approach into Willington – Existing Permanent VAS Sign in Situ opposite the Church Grounds**

Have a read through all this, and then please let me know if you want any further information or assistance.

Kind Regards

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## DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL - Place

### Application for a licence, under s115e of Highway Act 1980, to site an amenity object in the Public Highway

PLEASE NOTE – A fee of £100 will be applied by Legal Services to each licence approved and issued for applications received on/after 22 November 2021.

No payment should be sent with application, no fee will be charged if an application is declined.

Before you apply:

1. You are advised not to purchase any sign or item until you have confirmed it complies with the necessary requirements
2. Check that your Council carries Public Liability Insurance of at least £5m to cover your responsibility for an item placed within the Public Highway
3. Liaise with your local District/Borough Planning Department to check whether planning or conservation area consent is required
4. For signs – check your supplier holds the relevant National Highway Sector Scheme (NHSS) accreditation for sign design and manufacture as well as current ISO 9001. Copies of certification must be provided with your application. This ensures the sign is to the correct standard for placing within the public highway. Signs should be labelled on the reverse providing details of manufacture.
5. For signs - check your installer has Public Liability Insurance of at least £5m (Evidence to be provided with application) and the relevant Street Works Qualification (SWQR) to undertake excavation within the Public Highway (Details to be provided at the end of this form).
6. For all other items, e.g planters – ensure that your installer is aware of the need to work safely in the Public Highway and adopts safe practice, i.e. necessary traffic management measures, high visibility clothing, etc.
7. If your proposed site is to be adjacent to a road subject to a speed limit of 50mph or above, the item is required to be constructed of material that complies with additional safety regulations and is likely to cost more than regular design materials. The County Council's Traffic and Safety Team can advise for proposals at these locations. However, please be aware that it is more likely to be rejected due to the necessary additional restrictions.

General notes:

8. The County Council as Highway Authority would generally provide standard village entrance signs, designed in accordance with current traffic signs regulations. In this case the sign would become part of the highway asset network i.e. the County Council's responsibility to maintain thereafter. However the County Council would not fund any bespoke design. Such signs would remain your responsibility to maintain.

9. Should the County Council be requested to attend to an item damaged in an accident, associated costs may be recharged to the owner of the item.
10. The sign may contain a descriptive message i.e. Historic Market Town but no advertising
11. Attachments to street lighting columns are restricted in size due to additional loading on the column. Signs with a face area exceeding 0.32m<sup>2</sup> may require additional posts. Hanging baskets on lighting columns are not covered by this licence; please visit the County Council's website  
[https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport\\_roads/roads\\_traffic/street\\_lighting/decorations/default.asp](https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport_roads/roads_traffic/street_lighting/decorations/default.asp)
12. This application form is not intended to be used for the provision of benches. However permission for benches can be granted under the Public Health Act and a separate application form is available for this. Please contact [highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk) for further details.
13. During the application process, the County Council will contact utility companies to ensure that your proposals do not affect underground/surface/overhead assets
14. The process may involve advertising your proposals on site and in a local shop for 28 days. This is to be undertaken by the applicant. You will be provided with the necessary notices and instruction if your application is approved.

LOCATION OF AMENITY

Road/Street Name.....

Village/Town.....

**\*Please attach a location plan/map and marked photo (if possible) indicating the exact site of the proposed amenity. Maps should be marked to scale where possible.**

DESCRIPTION OF AMENITY (e.g. planter, village entrance sign etc)

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PROPOSED DATE OF INSTALLATION (Please be aware that due to advertising proposals on site, the timescale for deciding applications could be up to 12 weeks).....

FOR SIGNS:-

- 1.1 All materials must comply with this specification and any additional requirements set out in:

- A. Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016
- B. Traffic Signs Manual
- C. Department of Transport - Manual of Contract Documents for Highway Works - Specification for Highways Works
- D. BS873: part 6: 1983 – withdrawn, replaced by BS EN 12899-1:2007
- E. BS873: part 7: 1984 – withdrawn, replaced by BS 8442:2015, BS EN 12899-1:2007, BS EN 1463-1:2009

- 1.2 Posts shall be steel tubular or rectangular hollow section complying with BS EN 10210-2:2019 and BS EN 12899-1 2007 shall be manufactured from steel complying with S275J0 or S275J2.
- 1.3 Posts are to be prepared by shot blasting to SA 2.5/3.
- 1.4 Posts shall be rust-proofed and the internal surface shall have a coating of bituminous paint.
- 1.5 Post shall be hot dipped plastic coated in accordance with the method specified in BS873. Part 6. 1983, Clause 5.1.1.3. (See “D” above) Colour BS381C Aircraft Grey reference 693, to approximately 0.5mm thick.
- 1.6 The finished coated post shall give good impact resistance whilst maintaining elasticity and shall not suffer from brittle fracture or temperatures of -10°C.
- 1.7 Post caps shall be plastic in the colour to match the plastic coated posts. Steel base plates shall be finished as specified in BS873, part 6. (see “D” above) Posts should not be galvanised and should be grey powder-coated

Excavation depth for posts.....

Fixing details for posts.....

Post type.....

Post diameter.....

Post length (above ground).....

Post wall thickness.....

Sign height at highest point.....

Sign height at lowest point (min 2.3m to be available for pedestrians/cyclists to pass under high level signs).....

Distance from edge of sign to edge of carriageway (min 500mm).....

Fixing details for sign.....

Method of proposed Traffic Management during installation (Please note additional permission may be required dependent on nature of works).....

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**Please also submit sign design showing x-height, colour, material and dimensions**

FOR PLANTERS/OTHER ITEMS:-

Size/dimensions (width/length).....

Height.....

Expected height with plants (usual maximum height restriction is 500-600mm from level of carriageway.....

Distance from edge of carriageway (min 500mm).....

If on footway, width of footway available for pedestrians (min 1.2m).....

Fixing methods (if applicable).....

Construction Material.....

Any additional information relevant to proposed item.....

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DETAILS OF APPLICANT

Council.....

Address.....

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Phone number.....

Email.....

Signed.....(authorised person on behalf of Council)

Print Name..... Date.....

Position in Council.....

DETAILS OF CONTRACTOR

Company.....

Contact.....

Address.....

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Telephone.....

Email .....

Full Name of Installer .....

SWQR details of Installer .....

Please return to: [highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk) or Highways Hub (Room 199B), Place Department, County Hall, Matlock, Derbyshire DE4 3AG



**FOR PUBLICATION**

**DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**Thursday, 10 March 2022**

**Report of the Executive Director – Place**

**Trial of Speed Indicator Devices in Derbyshire**  
(Cabinet Member for Highways, Assets and Transport)

**1. Divisions Affected**

1.1 County-wide.

**2. Key Decision**

2.1 This is a key decision because it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more electoral areas in the County.

**3. Purpose**

3.1 The purpose of this report is to set out the basis for a 12-month trial of Speed Indicator Devices in Derbyshire. Speed Indicator Devices are a type of electronic vehicle activated sign used on the public highway.

3.2 Cabinet is asked to agree to the delivery and evaluation of a county-wide, 12 months Speed Indicator Device trial in Derbyshire on the basis set out in this report.

**4. Information and Analysis**

4.1 A Council Speed Management Plan was developed in 2017 to enable consideration of all engineering and enforcement methods of controlling speed on the public highway in conjunction with the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership. This trial may, if successful,

influence changes to the existing technical annexes, which support the Speed Management Plan and will need to be considered by any necessary future review of these documents.

- 4.2 Since the adoption of the Plan, there have regularly been requests from the public, Elected Members, Districts, Boroughs, Parishes and Town Councils for speed indicator signs, as it is generally felt there are speed reduction benefits associated with them. Such requests were previously only accepted at sites with the most significant collision history. This was based on a number of factors, including a need to achieve value for money from a limited highways budget and evidence from an earlier trial in Hlland Ward which did not demonstrate a clear link between speed indicator devices and reduction in vehicle speeds.
- 4.3 However, this trial was limited in its size and nature and may not entirely reflect the characteristics of other potential sites. Further trials may therefore provide better evidence on the link between indicator devices and vehicle speed and therefore whether the current policies need to change. It is also understood that the Police and Crime Commissioner is supportive of such a scheme.
- 4.4 The Council is therefore proposing to support and evaluate a 12-month trial of Speed Indicator Devices on the following basis:
  - 4.4.1 District, Boroughs, Parishes or Town Councils will be able to apply to trial the use of Speed Indicator Devices, subject to them obtaining their Elected County Member approval. The number of devices in each area would need to be kept to a sensible level, bearing in mind the need for drivers to recognise the importance of signs, and its commitment to reduce street furniture on its network. A rough guide to those applying could be for a maximum of three signs per village and sites with local concerns over speed, although it is acknowledged that there will be cases where extra advice will need to be sought. Officers would work with applicants but reserve the right to restrict numbers when they have legitimate engineering concerns. An advice note would also be produced to accompany the documents sent to applicants.
  - 4.4.2 The signs need to be consistent with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, and the most recent Traffic Open Product and Specifications (TOPAS) recommendations. The sign used would be standardised to 660mm in height, 450mm wide and a depth of around 150mm to ensure a consistent approach across the County. The weight of the signs must also not exceed 13 kilograms. The vehicle speed reading must occupy around half of the sign face with either smiley or sad faces to the underside, dependent upon the speed being over or under the speed limit. The worded message of “thank you” can also be

used as an alternative to the smiley face. An alternative available would also be the speed limit roundel with “Slow Down” message to its underside, which would purely react to higher speeds. The technology should be LED on a black background with black casing, and there should be no supplier or sales information on the sign facing the traffic.

- 4.4.3 The District, Borough, Parish or Town Councils would be entirely responsible for all the purchasing, installation and maintenance of the signs on completion of a licencing agreement with the County Council, under Section 115e of the Highways Act 1980. Details of warranty and maintenance agreements with any supplier of the signs must also be provided to the Council, along with any contractors’ public liability insurances to work on public highway for erecting, moving, and repairing the signs. Those working on the public highway, which includes the footway, must also be properly trained and wear the appropriate protective equipment and clothing recommended by the Council. The Council would reserve the right to remove signs at the expense of the owners, where agreements are found not to be in place, or have lapsed, or those are found to be working contrary to our expectations.
- 4.4.4 The signs for the trial sites should be either battery or solar powered. The use of mains power signs would be restricted to those provided by only the Council, due to the complexity of the need for others to adopt ongoing energy costs and billing of the energy consumed from a relevant energy supplier. Existing infrastructure or lighting columns will need to be assessed as being suitably strong enough for the signs to be attached to them.
- 4.4.5 It will be necessary for all signs to have a data logging device, where the Council has the capability to download this information at any time without the prior consent of the owner. Further advice on this would need to be developed and provided to those applying at the time of their application.
- 4.4.6 Following the trial, any existing signs may be left in place so long as they continue to be maintained.
- 4.4.7 The existing policy identifies that the Council’s road safety budgets can only be used to install vehicle activated signs as a measure to tackle casualty reduction. This will remain the case during the trial.

## **5. Consultation**

- 5.1 District, Borough, Parish and Town Councils will be made aware of this 12-month trial, giving the opportunity for them to take part and if they wish to fund such an initiative.
- 5.2 The start date of the 12-month trial would commence when a significant number of locations are agreed and operating on site. It is suggested that a period of three to six months may be required to start to obtain a reasonable sample of sites to start to progress the 12-month trial period. This would give adequate time for numerous sites to get established on the ground due to the procurement, purchase and installation of signs by the applicants.
- 5.3 Following the 12-month trial period, an evaluation report will be presented for the consideration of both the Cabinet Member - Highways Assets and Transport and the Place Scrutiny Committee. A decision will be needed on whether the situation be formalised and whether the existing Highways Network Management Plan and its Speed Management Plan be changed.

## **6. Alternative Options Considered**

- 6.1 The Council's Speed Management Plan outlines various alternative measures to target speed enforcement for casualty reduction reasons and alternatives measures that may be considered in the absence of a collision history. The purpose of this trial is to determine a slightly different approach, and should this trial prove successful, signs purchased by others could be formalised into policy.
- 6.2 Do-nothing - approach would be to not undertake the trial. This would mean the existing policies for Interactive signs within the existing Speed Management Plan are retained and unlikely to change during any future review due to the lack of statistical information to support such a change.

## **7. Implications**

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

## **8. Background Papers**

- 8.1 The County Council Highway Network Management Plan <https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/pdf/transport-roads/roads-traffic/highway-network-management-plan.pdf>

- 8.2 The County Council Speed Management Plan  
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/pdf/council/meetings-decisions/meetings/cabinet/2017-11-16-speed-management-plan.pdf>
- 8.3 The Traffic Signs and General Directions Regulations 2016  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/traffic-signs-regulations-and-general-directions-2016-an-overview>
- 8.4 Report on a previous trial on Speed Indicator Devices carried out at Hulland Ward  
<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/site-elements/documents/pdf/council/meetings-decisions/meetings/cabinet-member-portfolio/highways-transport-and-infrastructure/29-9-2015-hulland-ward.pdf>
- 8.5 The Traffic Open Products and Specifications (TOPAS)  
<http://www.topasgroup.org.uk/shop/specifications.htm>

## **9. Appendices**

- 9.1 Appendix 1 – Implications.
- 9.2 Appendix 2 – Application for a licence, under Section 115e of the Highways Act 1980, to site an amenity object in the public highway.

## **10. Recommendations**

That Cabinet agrees to:

- a) The delivery and evaluation of a countywide, 12-months Speed Indicator Device trial in Derbyshire on the basis set out in this report.
- b) Provide District, Borough, Parish and Town Councils with the ability to obtain a limited number of signs, of a type and specification to be agreed by the County Council at approved locations.
- c) Consider the results of the trial on the speed of vehicles, with the Derby and Derbyshire Road Safety Partnership.
- d) Grant, subject to successful applications under Section 115e of the Highways Act 1980 from a District, Borough, Parish or Town Councils, licence agreements for the erection of signs on street lighting or other agreed street furniture. The erection of signs on lighting columns will also be subject any necessary electrical and structural testing at the applicant's own expense.
- e) Potential future review and alteration of the Speed Management Plan and its associated technical annexes, contained within the

Highway Network Management Plan, should the trial prove to be a success.

## **11. Reasons for Recommendations**

- 1.1 This trial will give opportunity to further evaluate a new approach to the use of electronic message signs within its Speed Management Plan section of the Highway Network Management Plan. If this trial demonstrates a value for money approach to traffic safety, then changes to policy should be considered.
- 1.2 To give due consideration to approaches made from Elected Members, Districts, Boroughs, Parishes and Town Councils, and the public on the use of speed indicator devices, or similar products in Derbyshire.

## **12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?**

- 12.1 No.

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## **Implications**

### **Financial**

- 1.1 The funding for the Speed Indicator Devices used in the trial will be entirely at the expense of the applicant. It is estimated that the signs may cost applicants between £2,500 to £3,000 to purchase each individual sign unit (excluding installation costs). Installation will vary and is dependent on site conditions and individual contractor costs.
- 1.2 There will be a fee payable for legal services associated with the licencing agreement necessary for the signs, which is £100 for each agreement.
- 1.3 The cost of the additional staff resources for checking applications within the Highway Service can be accommodated with other similar work being carried out, but the council reserves the right to consider charging for such services in the future should it be deemed necessary.

### **Legal**

- 2.1 Under Section 115e of the Highways Act 1980, the County Council may grant a licence for the use of objects or structures on, in or over a highway for the purpose of providing a centre for advice or information after first obtaining consent of the frontages with an interest in:
  - (i) to the placing of the object or structure;
  - (ii) to the purpose for which it would be placed; and
  - (iii) to the proposed grant of permission.
- 2.2 Under Section 115f of the Highways Act 1980, the County Council may attach such conditions to a licence granted under Section 115e as it considers fit including requiring payment of reasonable charges.
- 2.3 Further, under Section 115g, the Council shall not grant any permission under Section 115e unless it has first published a notice by affixing it at or near the location and by serving a copy on the owner or occupier of any premises appearing to the Council to be materially affected by the proposal. Such notice shall allow a period of 28 days for any representations to be made to the Council and no licence shall be granted until all representations made have been considered by the Council. The Council must also consult the local planning authority for the area under Section 115H of the Highways Act 1980.

- 2.4 The signs should be consistent with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Open Product and Specifications (TOPAS) recommendations or any future advice that supersedes these documents.
- 2.5 Any work on the public highway must be carried out by those with the necessary public liability insurances and by a competent contractor who is authorised to work on a highway to the satisfaction of the Council. All staff operatives must comply with Council protective equipment requirements and all works notified through its permitting and noticing scheme.

### **Human Resources**

- 3.1 The staff resources required for application received will be addressed through existing staff contained within the Highways Hub and in the Traffic and Safety Team with Legal Services providing the final highway licencing agreements

### **Information Technology**

- 4.1 None.

### **Equalities Impact**

- 5.1 Not applicable as existing technology is already used on the public highway.

### **Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 6.1 None.

### **Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)**

- 7.1 None.

## Speed Indicator Devices Trial

The Council is now supporting a 12-month trial of the use of Speed Indicator Devices in Derbyshire.

Applications are invited from Parish, Town, or District Councils to take part, subject to them obtaining their Elected County Member approval.

The signs are intended for use in areas with a speed limit of 30 mph or less, but applications for signs in higher limits may be considered.

A rough guide to those applying could be a maximum of three signs per village, although it is acknowledged that there will be cases where extra advice will need to be sought.

The signs need to be consistent with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016, and the most recent Traffic Open Product and Specifications (TOPAS) recommendations.

The signs used will be no more than 660mm in height, 450mm wide and a depth of 150mm to ensure a consistent approach across the County. The weight of the signs must also not exceed 13 kilograms.

The vehicle speed reading must occupy around half the sign face with either smiley / sad faces to the underside, depending upon the speed being over or under the speed limit. The worded message "thank you" can be an alternative to the faces. An alternative can be the speed limit roundel with a "Slow Down" message to its underside.

The technology should be LED on a black ground with black casing, and there should be no supplier, sales information, or anything else on the sign facing traffic.

Parish, Town, or District Council will be entirely responsible for the signs on completion of a licence agreement with the County Council. A £100 fee is payable for the licence agreement through its Legal Services Department.

Details of warranty and maintenance agreements with any supplier must also be provided to the County Council, along with public liability insurances to work on the public highway for erecting, moving, and repairing the signs.

The signs should either be battery or solar powered.

When lighting columns are used these will need to be assessed as being suitably strong for the signs to be attached to them.

All signs to have data logging devices, where the County Council can independently download information from them without prior consent of the owner.

Competent Contractors must be used for installation and maintenance who are authorised to work on the public highway. All operatives must comply with protective equipment requirements and all works notified through its permit and noticing scheme.

Further information can be found in the agreed Cabinet report. **See attached document**

Applications to [Highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk](mailto:Highways.hub@derbyshire.gov.uk) must include the following:

1. Confirmation of the County Elected Member approval
2. Location Plan detailing three potential sites where a sign can be moved to and from and the frequency of them being moved.
3. A completed licencing form with information relevant to these signs.

(See attached PDF = OITH Licence Application)

4. Details of signs and intended supplier and the sign warranty agreements and maintenance agreements.
5. Details of installers public liability insurance to work on the public highway.
6. Details of any lighting columns used with the relevant numbers and the completed form for structural testing.

<https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/transport-roads/roads-traffic/street-lighting/decorations/attachments-to-street-lights.aspx>