

REPORT FROM: NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES MANAGER

TO: BRIERFIELD AND REEDLEY COMMITTEE

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FOR INFORMATION
PROPOSED INTRODUCTION OF SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform members on the latest information with regard to the introduction of traffic calming initiatives which are available.

BACKGROUND

1. A report on the "Proposed introduction of a speed indicator device" was submitted to this Committee on 3 December 2013 where it was resolved:

 “(1) That the Engineering and Special Projects Manager be requested to consult Lancashire County Council Highways Department and the Police on the most suitable location for a speed indicator device. In the meantime, the responsibility for future maintenance, battery changes and, in the case of a portable device, relocation be established.

 (2) That £2,500 be allocated towards the purchase and installation of a speed indicator device.”
2. Since that time various meeting have taken place regarding the costs and practicalities surrounding deployment and maintenance.

ISSUE

3. This issue was reported to the Traffic Liaison Meeting on 5 November 2015 where it was resolved that Brierfield and Reedley Committee be asked to consider the introduction of a vehicle activated sign (VAS) at a location to be recommended by LCC Highways and agreed with Brierfield and Reedley Committee.
4. Vehicle activated signs are traffic signs that are activated by a highway user, normally with speed being a trigger, to warn of a danger or highlight an issue. The signs have developed

over the years and include speed activated signs with messages including "Slow Down", "Speed roundels" and "Bend warning signs".

5. LCC Highways has suggested a vehicle activated sign highlighting the crossroads on the north-bound approach to the Colne Road/Reedley Road junction. LCC also recommends a permanent electricity power supply at this location (they can be solar powered) considering traffic flow and the number of times the sign will be potentially triggered throughout the day.
6. The cost of the interactive signage is £3,000. LCC is keen to work in partnership with the Committee on the introduction of some road safety measures in the Brierfield and Reedley area and subject to funding approval have agreed to meet the additional costs of installation and future maintenance costs.
7. Officers of Neighbourhood Services have provided LCC with a plan showing the suggested sign and location (see Appendix 1). LCC officers are now in the process of obtaining support from their Signals Team who will provide maintenance to the sign. Subject to that approval, they will then be able to confirm funding approval.

CONCLUSION

8. LCC is keen to work in partnership with the Committee on the introduction of some road safety measures in the Brierfield and Reedley area.
9. Once LCC funding approval has been confirmed, an update will be provided to this Committee.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None arising directly from this report.

Financial: Subject to the allocation of £2,500 from Brierfield and Reedley Committee's capital programme still being available, LCC Highways will fund the installation and future maintenance of the interactive signage.

Legal: None arising directly from this report.

Risk Management: None arising directly from this report.

Health and Safety: None arising directly from this report.

Sustainability: None arising directly from this report.

Community Safety: A speed indicator device in the Brierfield and Reedley area would contribute to road safety improvements.

Equality and Diversity: None arising directly from this report.

APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Colne Road Reedley.

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

Sign to be positioned 102m from junction, due to restricted visibility of vehicles emerging from Pendleside Hospice/Reedley Hall access road


Provide vehicle activated signage -



"Crossroads Ahead" sign to Diag. 504.1 (permanent sign face) and "slow down" message (interactive LEDs set on the trigger speed)

60m clear visibility of sign achieved for northbound drivers on Colne Road

KEY:

 Proposed Signage Location