

## **PROPOSED UPGRADE OF FLASHING TRAFFIC SPEED SIGNS**

**Current Situation:** There are three approved sites for flashing speed signs, Carr Lane, Stillington Road, and Skates Lane, all in 30 mph areas. We currently have two signs that are shared between the three sites. Only two signs were purchased originally so that their impact could be assessed and also on grounds of economy.

This arrangement does mean that one location is not used for a period of weeks. The vacant location is varied. It is also necessary to take a sign down and remount it on a new site regularly. This is done when the batteries are checked/ removed for recharging or the sign rotated on its mount to cover traffic in the opposite direction.

### **Proposal:**

- To purchase a third sign from the same company as the other two.
- To investigate the feasibility and affordability of using a solar panel at each site to charge the batteries.

### **Benefits:**

- We have complaints regarding traffic speeds in the village, and the installation of a third unit may address the situation.
- The units record speed and time, so we would have a record from all three sites for the same period to show the magnitude of the problem and its time distribution. These data would be useful in discussions with the police to galvanise some effective enforcement action. Note that currently we have to counter an argument that no accidents have been reported so there cannot be a problem.
- The units are reasonably heavy and awkward to dismount and remount, particularly when using a step ladder on the verge. All other support operations can be done without dismounting the units, so that there is a H&S benefit.
- An upgrade to solar panel charging would reduce the frequency of service visits.

### **Funding:**

A price list has been requested but has not yet arrived. These units are fairly expensive, but this would be a legitimate use of CIL funding, and it may also be possible to secure some funding from North Yorkshire County Council.

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