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Clerk Report- Speed Indicator Devices (November 2020)

Supporting references

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/media-library/documents/about-the-council/consultations/highways/speed-management-strategy-v6.01-june-20.pdf#page48>

This document (section 10) gives full details of Herts County Council (HCC) requirements with regards to potential locations, efficacy reports and all supporting information for speed indicator devices (SIDs)

Introduction

Timeline

- June 2020 road safety on Georgewood Rd raised under public participation by Cllr Cobb following road traffic incidents and subsequent residents' approaches. A resident and resident's association had also contacted the clerk expressing concerns about safety on this road.
- July 2020 Agenda Item 20/107/FPC Georgewood Road, traffic safety.
- Aug/Sept 2020 Clerk investigated options with Herts County Council and was told that HCC will not conduct a speed and volume survey to investigate the installation of a speed indicator device (SID) on Georgewood Road due to lack of reported incidents.
- Oct 2020 - During Parish walkaround with Herts County Councillor and Herts Highways, they offered the option of a parish funded SID, without the need to contact a S&V survey and explained the options for moving to different locations.

The Herts County Council Speed Management Strategy July 2020 states that third party funding negates the requirement for a speed and volume survey

10.2.5 SIDs and sockets fully funded by third parties (no HLB or PCC) are not required to satisfy the speed criteria

Regardless of funding the SID remains a HCC asset and can only be moved, altered, or maintained by HCC but with associated costs falling to the funder.

HCC have indicated that they will, when timings permit, conduct a speed & volume survey at Bunkers Lane to consider the provision of a SID at the crossing point near to the playground but they are unable to commit to timescales and subsequent funding, although likely remains unconfirmed until after that survey has been conducted.

Considerations for Council

HCC have a cut of date of 31st December for any SID request for installation Feb/March 2021. Next programme of works is likely to be order April for delivery and installation late Spring/early Summer

1. Do council wish to fund a SID on Georgewood Road?
2. Do council wish to determine a second or third location?
3. Can council reach consensus on a second location immediately or does it require further investigation and a further agenda point? (need to advise HCC by January of first site)
4. Do council require a working group to investigate options or can it be covered by an existing working group?

Outline Costs from HCC (November 2020)

Description of Service	Price	Notes
Solar powered SID *	£5100.00	
Cost of moving SID from one socket to another	£675.00	Only 2 programmes of work per year
Cost of swivelling SID 180 degrees on existing post	£200.00	Would happen at next programme of works
New/another socket	£590.00	If we don't name site at outset it would happen at next programme of works
New socket and relocation	£1040	Would happen at next programme of works
All sites/works need C/Cllr approval.		

*Solar powered speed indicator device price includes

- + installation on a new retention socket
- + removal if damaged or stops working beyond 12-month warranty
- + all required Traffic Management / Restricted Working if applicable
- + advance scheme boards and letter drop
- + commuted sum for replacement and maintenance within 5 years of installation

Useful Information

- SIDS record speed and volume in both directions.

Whilst NMPC now has the General Power of Competence there would also be the relevant power to spend under the Highways Act 1980 section 274a

A parish council or community council may contribute towards any expenses incurred or to be incurred by a highway authority in constructing, removing or maintaining—

(a) traffic calming works, or

(b) other works (including signs or lighting) required in connection with traffic calming works, if, in the opinion of the council, the expenditure is or will be of benefit to their area

Future Considerations to Note for Forthcoming Years.

- £1000 maintenance for years 6-10 (Nov 2020 prices)
- £275 one off data download (included free when SID moved or swivelled)

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