

Morning ,
Thank you for your response.

Do you know why it was not progressed ? Is there a Council Minute available please which shows discussion and the decision recorded ?

We would only consider the installation of a permanent vehicle activated speed (VAS) sign if there was an identified problem of inappropriate speed and speed related casualties . The casualty record for the Cross Stone area does not support the installation of a permanent VAS.

However ,as has been previously pointed out , the Town Council may be interested in purchasing their own lightweight vehicle activated speed sign unit/s. Lightweight VAS can be mounted on lighting columns or dedicated poles . We are aware of this type of equipment as it is used in neighbouring districts, including Bradford and Kirklees, where the purchase and operation of the signs are not funded by the Highways department but rather by funding devolved to the Area Committees (similar to our Area Forums) which determine local funding priorities. Whilst Calderdale Highways do not invest in what would be non-standard equipment for this department we do oversee two of these mobile signs in Brighouse and Rastrick on behalf of the Lower Valley Forum, which provided funding for purchase and installation. The Community Wardens there are responsible for changing/ recharging the batteries for these devices and Calderdale Highways arranges any relocation . The cost of moving these VAS would fall to you as well as any maintenance. I'm not aware that there is any funding available in the Upper Valley Area Forum budget but ... would be able to confirm with The costs would therefore fall to the Town Council.

The Upper Valley Safer Cleaner Greener service may be able to send out community wardens to carry out speed checks using the SID (Speed Indicator Device), however, this needs to be done on a straight stretch of road with a pavement, and not blocked by vehicles.

Initial tests take place during the daytime when pedestrians are most likely to be out and about (usually outside of rush hours unless specifically requested) as that is our primary concern, the risk to life however all results are forwarded on to Highways and the Police for further investigation and action if the speeds recorded confirm that there is an issue.

Each site may be visited twice initially though if results warrant it that can be increased and they record for an hour at each location. We have tried longer periods but we find that news of our deployment at a specific location starts to circulate the longer we are present and that information could affect the overall results as drivers may hear we are present and deliberately slow on approach. The Council is not legally allowed to carry out covert recording.

Any requests for SID visits should be sent to.....

Many Thanks,

Road Safety Officer