

Use of Speed Indicating Signs in Neighbourhoods A Guide for Neighbourhood Boards

Inappropriate speed on our roads causes concern to local residents and can increase the risk of injury to road users. The Police and the Council respond to concerns about road safety where resources allow but this means concentrating on major roads and accident black spots and yet we recognise that it is often local roads where issues arise with inappropriate vehicle speed.

To help ensure that we are able to respond positively to concerns about vehicle speeds and to complement the work that we already do to ensure that road users are safe we have now purchased a number of re-locatable speed indicating signs. These signs are activated by vehicles approaching at inappropriate speed and display a warning message to the driver. It is intended that these signs will be erected in locations across the city where people tell us there are problems with the speed of vehicles.

Neighbourhood Boards can now request that speed indicating signs be deployed on roads in their area to respond to local concerns. The costs associated with the deployment of the signs will need to be met by the Neighbourhood Board using the devolved Highways and Transport annual budget.

The following points provide guidance for Neighbourhood Boards on when the deployment of speed indicating signs may be considered and how the signs will be used:

- Speed indicating signs may be erected on any road where there is concern that the current speed limit is not being complied with and where the Neighbourhood Board consider that some form of action is a local priority.
- Speed indicating signs will normally be erected for a period of 4 weeks. They will be erected on suitable street lights or provided with specific mounting locations if no suitable street lights already exist.
- A single speed indicating sign will normally be used at a specific location although multiple signs can be used to cover a long road or a route.
- Repeated use of the signs in any particular location can be considered but a minimum of 12 weeks between deployments is recommended. Regular rotation of signs will potentially be the most cost effective approach and will ensure that the impact of the signs is maximised.
- Following the deployment of the sign Neighbourhood Boards will receive a report detailing vehicle speed measurements gathered while the sign was in use. The report will be helpful in determining the precise nature of any problem and also the impact of the speed indicating sign.
- Where demand for speed indicating signs is high it may be necessary to prioritise requests. Where this arises factors including the weight of local opinion, any known data relating to vehicle speed and road traffic collisions will be considered and priority will be set in consultation with the Cabinet Member.
- The costs for deployment of speed indicating signs is £400 per sign per location where a suitable street light is available. Costs will be higher where no suitable street light is available. Costs to reinstate the sign to a location previously used will be lower.