

Report of the Director of Streetpride

## **Review of Fixed Speed Cameras**

### **SUMMARY**

- 1.1 A review of all fixed speed camera operations within the city was commenced in 2011. This report details the results of examinations at four locations;
- Harvey Road outside house number 782
  - Nottingham Road Chaddesden outside house number 427
  - Osmaston Park Road outside house number 293
  - Derby Road Spondon adjacent to Asda
- 1.2 The report recommends that three camera locations should, unless alternative equally effective measures can be identified and delivered, continue to be operated but that one location, Nottingham Road Chaddesden, should be removed from operation.
- 1.3 The purpose in bringing this report to an Individual Cabinet Member meeting is to seek to ensure that the proposed course of action is acceptable and to enable the Cabinet Member to hear any representations from ward Councillors in relation to the proposed removal of cameras.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 To retain the fixed speed camera on Harvey Road adjacent to house number 782.
- 2.2 To retain the fixed speed cameras on Osmaston Park Road adjacent to house number 293.
- 2.3 To retain the fixed speed camera on Derby Road Spondon adjacent to Asda.
- 2.4 To remove the fixed speed camera on Nottingham Road Chaddesden adjacent to house number 427.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The fixed speed cameras at Harvey Road, Osmaston Park Road and Derby Road Spondon have contributed to the reduction in the number and severity of road traffic collisions involving personal injury. Removing the cameras could lead to increased levels of accidents unless alternative forms of intervention are identified and delivered.

- 3.2 Since the initial installation of the speed camera on Nottingham Road Chaddesden there have been changes to the road layout. There is no evidence to suggest that the camera at this location has contributed to improving road safety and hence its removal is appropriate.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

- 4.1 Attached at Appendix 2 is a detailed analysis of the effectiveness of fixed speed cameras at four locations within the city. The analysis follows a trial to assess the effect the cameras have on vehicle speed and an assessment of road casualties in proximity to the cameras. All other fixed camera locations are also under review and further reports will be presented to Cabinet members in due course.
- 4.2 The report indicates that in three of the camera locations a reduction in the number and severity of road accidents involving personal injury has occurred since the cameras were installed. In the fourth location, Nottingham Road Chaddesden, no reduction in such accidents has been recorded.
- 4.3 In all instances the trials have indicated that the average speed of vehicles on each road is below the speed limit. Once the cameras were covered vehicle speed increased, albeit by relatively small amounts.
- 4.4 It is important, from a public perception point of view and to ensure the most appropriate use of resources, that all speed camera locations are reviewed. Over time the need for speed cameras can and does change.

## **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 5.1 In relation to fixed speed cameras consideration has been given to removal of all the cameras on the basis of these trials. The review which is in progress allows a more informed decision to be reached in relation to each specific location and allows further work to be undertaken on potential alternatives.
- 5.2 Retention of all existing fixed speed camera locations has been considered. This would not necessarily ensure that resources for speed enforcement are targeted in the most effective way and could lead to concerns from road users about the purpose of the cameras. The wider review will allow a more informed decision to be reached in relation to each specific location.

**This report has been approved by the following officers:**

<b>Legal officer</b> <b>Financial officer</b> <b>Human Resources officer</b> <b>Service Director(s)</b> <b>Other(s)</b>	Stuart Leslie, Director of Legal and Democratic Services Michael Kirk, Acting Head of Finance - Neighbourhoods n/a Tim Clegg, Director of Streetpride
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<b>IMPLICATIONS</b>
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**Financial and Value for Money**

- 1.1 The cost to remove the fixed speed camera head and place in storage is approximately £500 and can be met from existing revenue budget.

**Legal**

- 2.1 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

**Personnel**

- 3.1 None

**Equalities Impact**

- 4.1 None

**Health and Safety**

- 5.1 None

**Environmental Sustainability**

- 6.1 None

**Asset Management**

- 7.1 None

**Risk Management**

- 8.1 Speed cameras in appropriate locations contribute to making our roads safer and help reduce the level and severity of road accidents. The public perception of speed cameras isn't always fully supportive and this review will help reassure people that the focus of the cameras is directed at making our roads safer.

**Corporate objectives and priorities for change**

- 9.1 The proposals are consistent with Council's corporate objectives for all people in Derby to be safe and feel safe.