

LINDSEY PARISH COUNCIL

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Speed Indicator Devices

Parish and Town Councils can purchase their own Speed Indicator Device (SID) with volunteers moving it from one predetermined site to another within 30mph restricted roads.

Councils are requested to complete a Site Suitability Checklist identifying sites for consideration. The completed checklists should be submitted to Suffolk County Council for each individual site to be “signed off”. Once an agreement has been completed the local council is then authorised to operate their SID at the approved sites.

Positioning of the Speed Indicator Devices (SID)

Cllrs. Corcoran and Moore, under delegation from the Council, have assessed the sites below as being suitable for submission to Suffolk County Council for consideration as speed enforcement areas.

All three have a what3words which should help to find the specific location:

1. `///scooter.defended.hexes`



2. `///acclaimed.tickets.echo`



3. [///turkeys.burying.serenade](http://turkeys.burying.serenade)



Step-by Step Process:

1. The Local Council decides that a SID may address concerns about speeding.
2. Discussion about sites, availability of volunteers required to move the SID and the cost of purchasing a SID.
3. Download and complete Site Suitability Checklists for each individual site; complete and submit to Suffolk Highways via SafetyandSpeedManagement@suffolkhighways.org or by posting to Suffolk Highways, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich IP1 5NP with written evidence that local residents do not object to location of SID if located close to houses.
4. SCC staff reviews site(s), confirms if suitable and returns copy of counter-signed Checklist.
5. Local Council decides to proceed and negotiates with manufacturer to purchase a SID (prices vary considerably as a number of additional features are available such as red/green display, smiley/sad face, SLOW DOWN/ THANK YOU, speed data collection).
6. The local Council also needs to purchase a mounting bracket with the SID; it is preferred that the bracket is moved with the SID although some chose to purchase a bracket for each site and leave in-situ. Bracket should be the same colour as the SID.
7. Local Council download Agreement, complete and return to SafetyandSpeedManagement@suffolkhighways.org or by posting to Suffolk Highways, Phoenix House, 3 Goddard Road, Ipswich IP1 5NP as confirmation that they have purchased a SID.
8. Suffolk Highways will then, if necessary and free of charge, replace existing sign pole(s) to give correct operational height or install a separate new pole as required. For new pole the local council will be given "Kill Your Speed" campaign poster mounted on the pole. N.B. using existing sign poles is preferred.
9. Local Council provides training for volunteers to move SID and commences operation.

Agreement:

It is an essential part of the process that the Local Council enter into a formal Agreement with the County Council to cover the delegation of management responsibility to another tier of local government.

Local Councils must also purchase their SIDs directly from the manufacturer but some guidance is available; the local County Councillor may be prepared to make a contribution to the SID purchase.

Once the Local Council has committed to proceed they then download a copy of the Agreement, complete and return to Suffolk Highways as confirmation that they are purchasing a SID.

At this point SCC will then, if necessary, replace existing sign poles to give correct operational height or install new poles as required.

The Agreement confirms that the Local Council will provide training and high-visibility clothing for volunteers before commencing operation of their SID.

Safety Management

SCC recommends:

1. A minimum of two people to be present when a SID is being placed or removed, or batteries changed, with one person whose role is to watch over the operation including observing oncoming traffic.
2. A mobile phone to be available with contact numbers to call for assistance if needed.
3. Where it is reasonable to do so, a SID shall be mounted at a height which does not require climbing on to any step or platform. Where there is no other suitable location we may recommend a higher mounting height up to 2.3m where the proposed location is adjacent to or above a footway. In this instance the Parish or Town Council will be required to understand the risks associated with installing and removing a SID at this height before confirming that they would like to proceed.
4. Any vehicle used for transport to the location to be parked in a safe place. If it is possible to park safely on the road, this can help move passing traffic further away. This is especially important if it is necessary to work from a step or platform.
5. High visibility clothing to be worn (minimum of long sleeved high visibility jacket). If working on uneven ground, boots with good ankle support to be worn.
6. Where it is necessary to work off the ground, a platform or set of steps should be selected most suited to the location(s). The HSE toolkit for working at height can be found at <https://www.hse.gov.uk/pubns/indg401.pdf> . Among the factors to consider are:
 - a. The platform or steps must be free standing and self-supporting, not leant against a post or similar.
 - b. Use individually adjustable feet or levelling mats to ensure stability where ground is uneven.
 - c. People using the steps or platform must be sufficiently fit and able to do so safely.

Costings

Costs provided by Elan City for the Evolis Vision – radar speed sign which has the following specifications:

Display –

- Dual display, speed signs and warning messages
- Customizable messages to match own priorities (TOO FAST)
- Accurate, long-range Doppler radar antenna up to 300 meters

Connected radar –

- Traffic data recorded in both directions
- A software package for analyzing your traffic data
- Various connectivity options

Durability and long-term reliability –

- Extremely durable housing
- Robust front face
- Two-year parts and labour guarantee
- Extended warranty

Simple, safe installation

- Easy installation built into the design
- Can be configured directly on the appliance
- Four power supply modes to suit sites of all kinds
- Lightweight: only one person needed for installation or relocation

Cost for Solar Version of the Radar Speed Sign Evolis Vision inclusive of deliver, ex VAT £2,389.99

Connect Box for 4G Access to allow the EVOLIS speed sign to become fully connected due to its integrated 4G SIM card.

Once the Connect Box is installed, the traffic data is automatically transmitted to the council's secure EVOWEB online platform. This allows council to monitor data remotely, without any manual intervention or need to visit the device on-site

Cost for 4G Subscriptions

Two Subscription Options are available:

1. FLEXI SUBSCRIPTION: PAY-AS-YOU-GO PLAN (ANNUAL RENEWAL):
 - £160.00 plus VAT – 1 year
 - £260.00 plus VAT – 2 year
 - £345.00 plus VAT – 3 years
2. EASY SUBSCRIPTION: ONE-TIME SUBSCRIPTION (FOR THE ENTIRE LIFETIME OF THE RADAR):
 - £1,100 plus VAT.

Budget

The Council does not currently have the budget for a SID, and it is anticipated that the council will use all or part of its outstanding CIL balance of £3,978.18.

This will be reduced if Cllr. Lindsay is able to contribute from his Highways Locality Budget.