

APPENDIX 4

Agenda Item 9a

Regarding advisory 20's outside schools: There isn't really anything specific I can add at this time as the ideas are still very much in the "concept" design stages.

We will be aiming to integrate some initial trial sites into some pre-programmed maintenance resurfacing work (due soon), so that we can better understand the practical application and if the types of measure are ultimately "effective". Then there will need to be discussions around costs and budget implications for the future, what adjustments may need to be made, and once those have been better understood, how this might be rolled out around the County.

Ultimately there is still a lot to do / questions to answer before we are in a position to progress across the County.

Regarding SIDs: Herefordshire Council's current criteria for use of Speed Indicator Devices is currently under review, and at present our current stance (based on historical experience) is that they will only be permitted for use within a 20mph, 30mph or 40mph speed limit, principally within village environments. Whilst historical requests within a 50mph speed limit were considered on a case by case basis, they have never proven to be an overly effective use of resources which risks devaluing the already limited effectiveness these have, in addition to these distracting from any existing warning signage.

If the location is within the existing 20mph/30mph/40mph limit and doesn't create any issues with visibility from any accesses etc, and also has sufficient clearance from the edge of the carriageway to the edge of the sign (ideally 600mm but absolute minimum of 450mm) to prevent it being struck / damage to passing vehicles, then in principle (subject to a final assessment / adjustment of location before siting) it should be acceptable.

These should also ideally be situated more than 160 metres inside of the existing speed limit terminal signs, if you ultimately wish to use any data this may collect. If it is mounted closer than this and detects vehicles "outside" of the terminal location, then whilst we will permit its use as a visual reminder, the data will not be considered "relevant" if used to highlight issues with alleged speeding in the future.

Advice from Fownhope Clerk:

The toolkit may say differently but the first place to start would be a meeting with your Ward Councillor and the traffic management team at HC to agree the implementation and locations. You'll need SID bases, posts and brackets and the device itself. Both of my councils have used ElanCity Evolis solar powered SIDs as they record data even when switched off. How Caple received a grant from West Mercia OPCC Safer Roads twice to purchase the SIDs so maybe look out for that if they run it again this year.

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To enable to provide an accurate return in identifying flooding issues in Old Gore, would you please provide information, for the items below relating to flooding in your parish. Returns please by Friday 15th November so that I may submit a ward report for everyone.

1. Parish
2. What are your experiences of flooding within your parish? Do you see areas that suffer from flooding on a repeated basis?
3. Are there any particular actions that need to be undertaken in the short, medium and longer term to better protect properties and to reduce the likelihood and impact of flooding?

4. What are your experiences as a Parish Councillor of being warned about extreme weather events that lead to flooding? What are your experiences of being kept informed of the impacts of flooding in your ward during events?
5. Do you have any comments as to how the council and its partners work to help and support residents/businesses before, during and after a flood event?
6. Are you clear about the different roles and responsibilities of Herefordshire Council and partners such as the Environment Agency, Welsh Water, Severn Trent Water, Internal Drainage Board and how we work together to address flood risk?
7. Are you clear around how communities, including those who own land and property, can assist during flood events?
8. Are there any other observations or comments that you would like to share with us relating to flood risk management?

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Question posed to Twinning Association:

The question was raised that whether after a specified period of time (if the council has been unsuccessful in funding any young people travelling to Le/Barroux/France with the funds) whether it can be agreed to use the funds for other community use. It was queried whether rather than using it to send our school children overseas that maybe a french teacher could be funded or a grant given for underprivileged children to have french lessons funded? Something like that?

Twining Association response:

It really is up to the Parish Council to use their discretion, whilst making every effort to remain as close as possible to stay within the remit for which the funds were originally raised. If all avenues to support local children to visit Le Barroux have been genuinely exhausted, then I also see no alternative but for the Council to consider wider French-related schemes, ensuring these remain in support of local children.

Much Marcle Primary School Comment:

Would it be possible to use the money to buy an online French scheme of work that would support all teachers in school to deliver high quality French lessons? Please let us know if this would be a possibility and we could look into the exact costings.