

Appendix 4

Extract from the VAS Policy.

5. The three sign types are as follows:

a. Temporary Speed Indicator Devices (TSID) – is a smaller portable sign that can be post-mounted onto an existing post, displaying the speed limit of the road, when activated by a vehicle exceeding a set limit.

TSID's are temporary devices that can be hired by the local community to raise awareness and to highlight those areas where excess of inappropriate speed is considered to be a concern.

The sign will be located and maintained by TfB Local Area Technicians.

b. Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) – is a permanent post-mounted sign that can display the speed limit of the road or warn of a hazard ahead (subject to compliance with the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002).

Applications for the use of this sign can be made by the Town or Parish Councils. An assessment will be made to determine whether the agreed criteria is met, which includes collating traffic speed and casualty collision data.

The cost to provide the supply and installation of a sign, along with all future maintenance costs can vary greatly and has to be calculated on an individual basis.

c. Locally Managed Moveable Vehicle Activated Signs (MVAS) – Trials carried out in the Central Chilterns area demonstrated that VAS units are effective at reducing speeds and raising the awareness of speed limits when deployed at sites for a short time.

The MVAS initiative has been piloted in 2 parishes, where the community arranged to procure, manage and deploy the signs themselves, subject to a project report being submitted and agreed by TfB.

The signs are moved around the village at pre-agreed locations, which can either be co-located onto existing posts (where appropriate) or fixed onto moveable posts secured by ground anchors.

Although more affordable than a VAS, this initiative does require a capable group of volunteers able to relocate the sign.