

**CABINET – 10 FEBRUARY 2017****COMMUNITY SPEED ENFORCEMENT (ITEM 8)****COMMENTS FROM MR. D. SNARTT CC**

I would like to bring to your attention my support for the recommendation in the Cabinet Paper, Community Speed Enforcement.

Since I have been representing Bradgate Division there has been an increase in the number of concerns and complaints about excessive vehicle speeds through the villages. So much so Woodhouse was one of the first Parishes to be involved with Community Speed Watch, which brought together volunteers from the community to try and make a difference in making their village roads safer, especially for pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders. Following on from this the Parish invested in Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) which also record vehicle speeds, VAS have also been purchased by Thurcaston and Cropston Parish Council. The recorded results from both Parishes are, in my view, frightening, with some speeds recorded twice the speed limit and above.

I was pleased to see in the report reference to Average Speed Cameras, which, in my opinion, would be an enormous benefit in making our County roads safer through our rural villages, where we not only see a high percentage of speeding vehicles but also an increase in overall traffic levels.

I note information from Bedford Borough about Average Speed Cameras where they are already installed. It is stated the installation of Average Speed Cameras has seen speed limits across the Borough lowered, especially in rural areas, going on to say Average Speed Cameras communicate wirelessly meaning they can be moved around to target known speeding hotspots. These cameras also have the benefit of smoothing traffic flows, where with fixed cameras drivers will slow down and then speed up again afterwards.

I believe the Parishes like the two I have mentioned above have captured enough evidence to make the case for Average Speed Cameras and I am sure they would be pleased to share this information and support Leicestershire County Council with their recommendation outlined today in the Cabinet Paper. I also believe they would be interested in being consulted and involved in any trial schemes that come forward.

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