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Dear Parish Council

Update on Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

I wanted to let you know that the County Council's review of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) process has now been completed.

We know that speeding is a concern for many communities and that SIDs can be a useful way of encouraging drivers to slow down. We also recognise the important role parish and town councils play in helping improve road safety in their local areas.

Following the review, applications for new SIDs can now move forward under a new process.

The review was carried out to make sure that SIDs continue to be used in a way that is effective, fair and sustainable across Staffordshire. It also provides greater clarity about the responsibilities involved in installing, operating and maintaining the devices.

Information about the new process, including application forms, guidance and indicative costs, is now available on the County Council website. Local Highways teams are already working with parish councils that were waiting for the review to be completed and will continue to offer support as applications come forward.

The main change is that, in the past, the County Council allowed SIDs to be installed and left in place as if they were permanent signs. Under the new process, SIDs must comply with the legal requirements for temporary signs, which means new devices will need to be moved between approved locations every six months. Any existing devices can remain in situ. This brings the county council in line with the relevant national regulations.

Some of the key changes include:

- All new applicants will need to enter into a licence agreement with the County Council. This will clearly set out responsibilities for maintaining and operating the device.
- New SIDs must comply with national regulations, which means **they will need to be moved every six months**. Any existing devices can remain in situ until the end of their operational life.

- The County Council will work with parish councils to identify alternative approved locations so that devices can be rotated between sites.
- Existing SIDs can remain where they are until they reach the end of their operational life.
- Moving devices between approved locations will help keep them effective by reducing driver familiarity and will help avoid unnecessary street clutter.

I appreciate the patience shown by parish and town councils while this review was carried out. We remain committed to working with local councils and communities to improve road safety and respond to concerns about speeding.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership.

Yours sincerely



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