



Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Installations Review of operation

A list of all the current individual VAS locations is included under **Annex C**

The current VAS were all installed with the support of relevant Ward Councillors and Parish/Town Councillors, many of whom were actively involved in choosing the optimum sign locations with Officers.

Since then, there has generally been widespread support for the various VAS installations now in place. Very little negative feedback or adverse comment has been received, either from drivers or residents living in proximity to the signs. In addition, feedback from residents generally about the existing VAS has been encouraging, with just one or two suggestions about repositioning certain signs. No one has specifically asked for VAS to be removed.

Indeed, because of road safety concerns over traffic speeds in other areas, there have been requests for additional signs to be provided (these areas of concern are discussed elsewhere in this report).

On going monitoring of the overall effectiveness of VAS around the City confirms that the use of VAS is an effective speed management tool. This is consistent with other Local Authority and Central Government studies which show that VAS, used in the right circumstances, can be very effective in moderating traffic speeds.

However, both local and national findings show that at some sites VAS effectiveness may diminish over the longer term. Hence it is important that the effectiveness of individual VAS signs is kept under review. To this end, Officers are planning to undertake further speed surveys to assess if consideration should be given to removing any VAS signs for possible re-use in new locations where they could be more effective. Any proposals coming out of this process would be reported to as part of a future Six Monthly Review of Speeding Issues.

Apart from vandalism of the trial VAS in Strensall, and theft of the VAS on Melrosegate, there have only been a few minor operational problems with the VAS equipment. The initial cost of these signs includes a warranty, and the suppliers have been extremely prompt and efficient in rectifying any faulty components so that the VAS is not out of action for long.