

North Yorkshire County Council Vehicle Activated Sign Policy

1. For comparison the current arrangement in place at North Yorkshire County Council (NYCC) is detailed below.

Currently two policies in place:

- i) Permanent VAS
- ii) Temporary VAS

2. Permanent VAS

Warning sign VAS are only considered where a site has an injury accident problem associated with inappropriate or excessive speeds and an accident investigation and prevention Study has previously been completed or conventional accident remedial measures are not appropriate.

Speed Limit VAS are only considered where a site has an injury accident problem associated with excessive vehicle speeds and conventional traffic calming measures have already been installed or are not appropriate.

3. Temporary VAS programme at suitable locations.

The programme provides for a VAS to be installed on a temporary basis for a number of 6 week periods in a year. This is co-funded by NYCC and the local parish council. Participating communities do not own the signs; the signs remain the property of NYCC. NYCC pays for maintenance and repairs to be made to these signs when they stop working or get damaged.

Participating communities pay a minimum of £3500+VAT over four years. This charge includes the one-off cost of installation of a retention socket (£500), rotation costs (£350 per sign per year), and officer time of £400 per year, as well as a share of the cost of the shared signs that were purchased at the time of the scheme implementation.

New sites are identified through local communities raising speeding concerns through the Speed Management Protocol (SMP) and are assessed as Category 3 (high speeds with low casualties) or Category 4 (low speeds with low casualties). Local communities are then offered the option of participation in the temporary VAS process.

They currently have 30 signs deployed on a rotating basis across the county.

In late 2018 NYCC approved proposals to allow communities to purchase their own signs. The protocol detailing how VAS purchase would work and be managed is expected to be finalised in Spring 2019.