

**REGULATORY COMMITTEE**  
**5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2001**

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**WILTON: SHAFTESBURY ROAD - SAFETY CAMERA**

**Purpose of Report**

1. To consider a Motion from Mr. I.C. West for the introduction of a speed camera installation to reduce the excessive speed of traffic on the A30, Shaftesbury Road, Wilton.

**Background**

2. The Environmental Services Sub-Committee, at its meeting in March 2001, resolved to fully support the introduction of a scheme for the hypothecation of fine revenue from safety cameras in Wiltshire. This enables fine revenue to be reinvested into casualty reduction.
3. A Steering Group has been set up to oversee the preparation of the Operational Case required by the Government as a pre-requisite for entry into the Safety Camera Project for hypothecation. The Group has representatives from the County Council, Swindon Borough Council, the Highways Agency, Wiltshire Constabulary and the Magistrates' Courts Service. The aim is for Wiltshire to join the Camera Project from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2002.

**Detail**

4. The future siting of safety cameras will be covered in the Operational Case. The Government has made it very clear that the purpose of camera deployment must be for the reduction in road accident casualties and must not be seen as a revenue-raising exercise. Therefore, sites for cameras must have an injury accident record with speed-related causes.
5. The Police have, on behalf of the Steering Group, agreed to undertake the collection, evaluation and selection of future camera sites. Approximately 200 sites have been identified and detailed analysis is currently taking place to identify those that will be included in the Operational Case. The A30 Shaftesbury Road, Wilton, is one of the sites being analysed as a potential camera site. The list of camera sites will be finalised for inclusion in the Operational Case to be submitted to the Government by the end of this year.
6. To increase the flexibility of the Police Enforcement Team and to enable a larger number of sites to be targeted, it is proposed that mobile laser video camera equipment will be deployed. A limited number of fixed camera sites are also envisaged. In accordance with Government requirements, in particular the need to achieve the casualty reduction targets set by the Government, approximately 85% of the time of the Enforcement Team will be concentrated on the sites identified in the Operational Case.

7. The remainder of the time will be available for greater speed enforcement at other sites where speeding is a concern to communities.

### **Conclusions: Options Considered**

8. The County Council is working with its partners on an Operational Case for the hypothecation of fines from camera enforcement. If successful, with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2002 camera enforcement of speed restrictions at identified accident sites will intensify significantly. Shaftesbury Road is a potential site for camera enforcement but its inclusion in the Operational Case is dependent on the requirements set by the Government being satisfied.
9. The inclusion of Wiltshire in the Camera Safety Project will enable more resources to be put into the enforcement of speed restrictions. The County Council will be working with the Police and other partners to achieve effective arrangements for the future enforcement of speed limits.

### **Proposal**

10. That it be noted that:-
  - (i) Shaftesbury Road, Wilton, is a potential site for a safety camera under the Safety Camera Project for Wiltshire; and
  - (ii) Acceptance of Wiltshire into the Safety Camera Project will result in significantly increased enforcement of speed restrictions in the County.

### **Reason for Proposal**

11. To inform Members regarding progress of future camera speed enforcement in the County.

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**The following unpublished documents have been relied on in the preparation of this Report:**

Request for item under Standing Order 15.2 from Mr. I.C. West.

**Environmental impact of the Recommendations contained in this Report:**

Reduced traffic speeds will benefit environmental conditions.