St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council

Report #10.5

Provision of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) in Milbourne

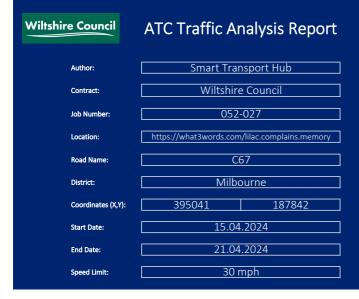
- 1. <u>Purpose of the report</u>
- 1.1. To invite the council to consider the provision of a single solar powered SID in Milbourne.

2. <u>Background</u>

- 2.1. For over ten years a small, dedicated team has operated Community Speed Watch (CSW) in the village. Owing to increased Police bureaucracy and decreasing volunteer numbers the team has recently become dormant with little likelihood of it reforming. Whilst CSW has its merits and benefits the impact upon drivers exceeding the lawful speed restriction is limited to only those occasions when the team was operating. The demise of this team has meant that there is now no deterrent in place to prevent speeding along this very open, straight section of the C67 towards Tanner's bridge. This section of road has a number of residential driveways opening on to it in addition to being popular with pedestrians and dog walkers despite not having a pedestrian footpath.
- 2.2. Wiltshire Police as part of their countywide initiative to make Wiltshire's roads safer have recently introduced a scheme whereby data downloaded from SIDs can be sent by email directly to a central reception where this information is analysed and acted upon. SIDs not only show drivers their speed as the device is approached but also record the time and speed, in both directions, as the device is passed. This data is downloaded periodically by councillors for review, and then emailed to Wiltshire Police. The data from all the scheme's participating councils is analysed and used to make decisions on follow up action by the newly established police mobile enforcement units. The amount of information supplied allows mobile units to be dispatched to the worst speeding 'hot spots' at the most appropriate time.
- 2.3. A traffic survey undertaken in April 2024 reported that the 85th percentile speed along the C67 towards Tanner's Bridge was 34.4 just 0.6 mpg below what is considered necessary to recommend the installation of a SID see page 2. The issue has been the subject of a Minor Highways Improvement Request (MHIR) at the Local Highway & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) and at its meeting on the 8th October, LHFIG agreed to support the installation of a SID because the the 85th percentile speed was only marginally below the recommended level and the stretch of road concerned did not have a pedestrian footpath. The support was conditional upon the council funding the provision of the SID and socketed post, and the location receiving approval from the local Highway engineer. The proposed location has recently been approved by the local Highways engineer following a site visit.

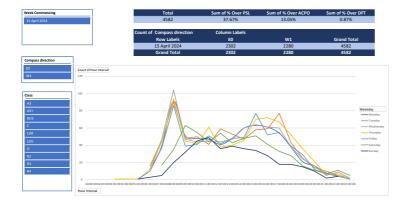
3. Options

- 3.1. To consider it unnecessary to deploy a SID at this location.
- 3.2. To support the purchase and deployment of an Evolis solar powered SID, and the erection of a socketed post by a suitably qualified company along the C67 near near Manor Farm for an amount up to £5K excluding VAT.
- 4. Financial Implications
- 4.1. The council can service the cost of this proposal from its CIL contributions.
- 5. <u>Recommendation</u>
- 5.1. The council is recommended to support Option 3.2.





STH carried out a 7-day ATC on Malmesbury commencing the 15/04/24. The number of vehicles exceeding the speed limit of 30mph was 1726 which is 37.67% of the total vehicles recorded in bol directions which was 4582.





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Direction	Number of Vehicles	Average speed over 7 days	85 percentile speeds	Percentage of vehicles complying with the 30mph speed limit	Percentage of vehicles under enforcement threshold of 35mph	Percentage of vehicles complying with a proposed signed only 30mph speed limit	Percentage of vehicles complying with a proposed signed only 30mph speed limit
EO	2302	27.7mph	34.2mph	64.1% (1476)	87.7% (2018)	64.1% (1476)	64.1% (1476)
W1	2280	28.2mph	34.6mph	60.5% (1380)	86.2% (1966)	60.5% (1380)	60.5% (1380)
Combined	4582	27.9mph	34.4mph	62.3% (2856)	86.9% (3984)	62.3% (2856)	62.3% (2856)