

The following responses were received during Sevenoaks Town Council's Public Consultation on its proposed locations for a portable Speed Indicator Device in Sevenoaks Town. This was open for public comment between the dates of 9<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022.

Please reference the below pages for the following information:

**Pages 2-9**

Copy of the full consultation document advertised and circulated to the public using various methods (more information can be requested from [planning@sevenoakstown.gov.uk](mailto:planning@sevenoakstown.gov.uk))

**Pages 10-26**

Presentation of responses received during of Sevenoaks Town Council's Public Consultation

**Pages 27-46**

Table of all comments received during Sevenoaks Town Council's Public Consultation, and Sevenoaks Town Council's subsequent responses

**Pages 47-49**

Copy of an email from a Kent County Council Officer, detailing how the three locations were selected (referenced in the aforementioned STC response document)

**Pages 50-51**

Kent County Council's Speed Indicator Device information document (referenced in the aforementioned STC response document)

Dear Resident

**LOCAL CONSULTATION FOR A PROPOSED SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID) IN SEVENOAKS TOWN OPEN FROM 9TH MARCH 2022-MIDNIGHT 20TH APRIL 2022.**

**Introduction**

Sevenoaks Town Council is planning to invest in a moveable Speed Indicator Device (SID), which will be periodically installed at three fixed locations within the Town.

The SIDs purpose is to give approaching vehicles an accurate visual indication of their speed, in order to educate them and encourage drivers to remain within the speed limit.

The SID is not a speed camera or a number plate recognition system but will provide valuable data to the Town such as traffic volumes, average speeds, maximum speeds, etc, which can potentially be passed to Kent Police for comment.

**The Scheme**

The scheme involves the permanent installation of galvanised steel posts complete with mounting brackets at each of the three locations. The brackets will enable the SID to face in either direction, which provides a total of six SID positions. At 8 weekly intervals, the SID will be moved to a new position. This may be by carried out by rotating the SID to face in the opposite direction, or by relocating the SID to another post. These operations will be carried out by volunteers, as will periodic battery replacement when required.

**Proposed Locations**

SIDs are only suitable for use on roads with a 30 mph speed limit. The three locations selected for the fixed posts are at locations where it is known that a relatively high proportion of vehicles exceed the speed limit. By periodically positioning the SID at these locations, it is hoped that this will help to educate drivers and encourage them to observe the speed limit. The three proposed locations are:

1. **Brittains Lane near Beaconfields**
2. **St Johns near Holly Bush Lane**
3. **Bradbourne Vale Road near the entrance to the riding school**

The maps shown at the end of this letter show the approximate proposed locations, although the exact locations will be determined on site by Kent County Council to avoid underground services and to comply with highway regulations. The three locations have undergone preliminary examinations by Kent County Council, including measuring of the footways to ensure that equipment remains compliant with footway width regulations and should not disrupt accessibility.

### Types of SID

The “mini” SID displays the speed of approaching vehicles. It is relatively compact and easily portable, weighing 8kg plus a 4kg battery. **This is the Town Council’s preferred option due to its significantly longer lasting battery life, and the lower weight of the equipment requiring less volunteers to move it.**



The “advanced” SID displays the speed of approaching vehicles and displays a “Slow Down” message to vehicles exceeding the speed limit. This is slightly larger but is much heavier, weighing 12kg plus a 12kg battery. The battery life is also significantly reduced.



### Cost

A funding grant from the Kent County Council Member’s Fund will be applied for once KCC’s investigative works have concluded, the application for which KCC Member Richard Streatfeild is aware of. The funding, or remaining funding should the application be successful, will be proposed for Community Infrastructure Levy money during the next Community Infrastructure Committee to be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 at 7pm. This meeting will be held in the Town Council Chambers and open to the public.

The cost of supplying and installing the mini SID, complete with spare battery, data collection facility, and three posts with brackets installed by KCC, will be £8,065.48 (excluding VAT).

The cost of supplying and installing the advanced SID, complete with spare battery, data collection facility, and three posts with brackets installed by KCC, will be £8,315.29 (excluding VAT).

There will be ongoing costs for insurance, maintenance, battery replacement, etc, which would need to be budgeted for in our annual precept.

### **How to Respond**

As a resident of Sevenoaks Town, Sevenoaks Town Council would like to take your views into consideration before making a final decision. You can let us know your views by completing the form at the end of this letter and posting it to us C/O PLANNING COMMITTEE CLERK, at SEVENOAKS TOWN COUNCIL, COUNCIL OFFICES, BRADBOURNE VALE ROAD, TN13 3QG COUNCIL ADDRESS, or by emailing the completed form to [PLANNING@SEVENOAKSTOWN.GOV.UK](mailto:PLANNING@SEVENOAKSTOWN.GOV.UK).

An online version of the form is also available via the following link or by scanning the QR code at the bottom of this letter.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/6ND57Y8>

**If you wish to participate in this consultation or let us know your views, please respond by midnight on 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022.**

The proposal will be included on the agenda at the Planning Committee Meeting to be held on 21<sup>ST</sup> MARCH 2022, at COUNCIL CHAMBERS, TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, BRADBOURNE VALE ROAD, at 7PM. Residents are welcome to attend and register to speak during the Public Question Time.

Yours sincerely,

Georgie Elliston  
Planning Committee Clerk  
Sevenoaks Town Council  
Town Council Offices  
Bradbourne Vale Road  
Sevenoaks  
Kent TN13 3QG

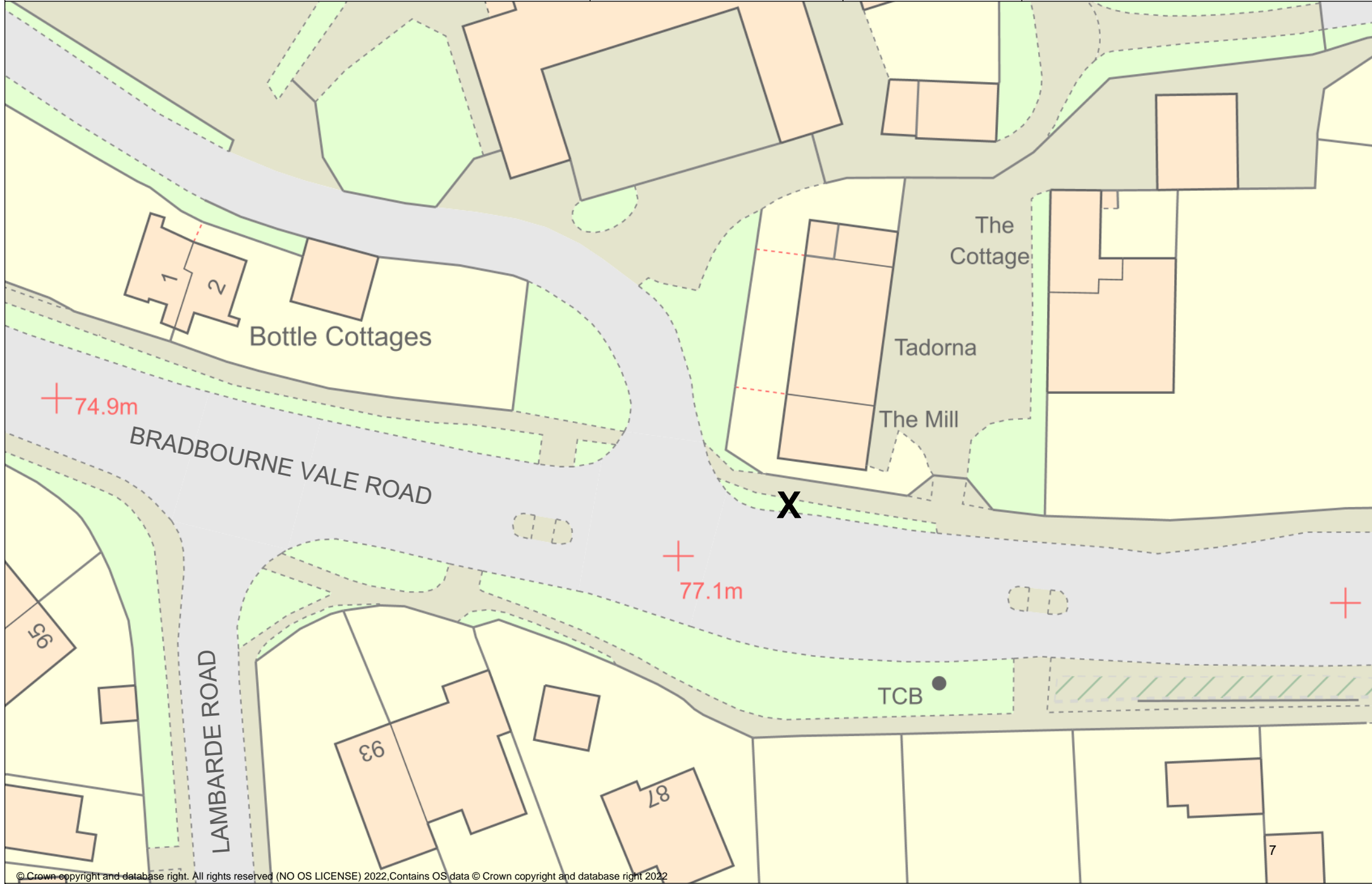
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## Sevenoaks Town Council's Speed Indicator Device Proposed Locations: Public Consultation

1. What is your first name?

2. What is your age range?

☐ Under 18

☐ 18-24

☐ 25-34

☐ 35-44

☐ 45-54

☐ 55-64

☐ 65+

☐ Prefer not to say.

3. What is your postcode?

4. Do you or does anyone in your household drive a vehicle or cycle on roads?

☐ Drive a vehicle (including cars, vans, motorbikes etc)

☐ Ride a bike on roads

☐ Neither of the above.

☐ Both of the above.

5. Sevenoaks Town Council are running a public consultation on the introduction of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) at various locations (see Q6) within the Sevenoaks Town. These are mobile electric signs placed in 30mph zones for 2 months at a time that indicate what speed a vehicle is going in order to raise driver awareness and reduce speeding. Before today, were you aware of what a Speed Indicator Device is?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ No, but I recognise it and would know what it was on the road.



6. Sevenoaks Town Council is proposing to install three brackets at the following locations, for a SID to be placed for up to two months at a time. The SID would be placed at one site and facing one direction for two months before being rotated or moved to the next location. These are locations that the Town Councillors have identified as having past speeding problems that could benefit from speed mitigation. An approximate map of each placement is available via the [following link](#), although exact locations will be determined on site by Kent County Council. Please indicate below your response to these locations and add any additional comments/reasons in the box below.

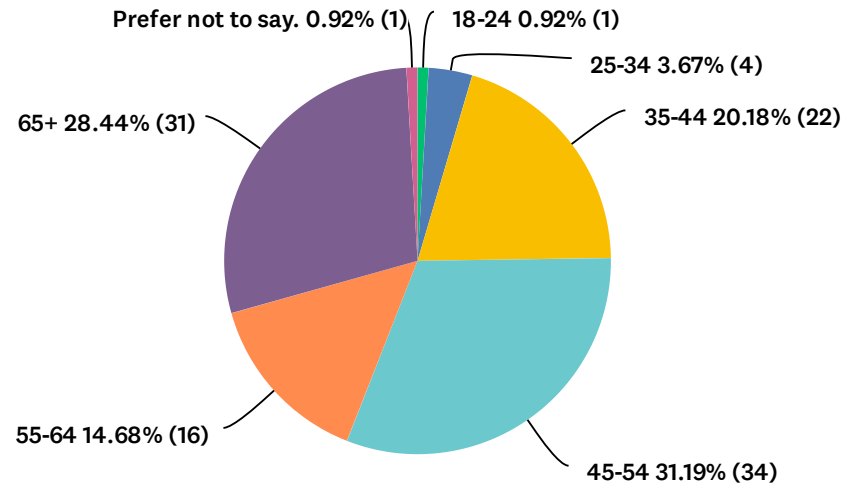
	Strongly opposed	Opposed	Somewhat opposed	Neutral	Somewhat supportive	Supportive	Strongly supportive
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7. Do you have any other comments that you wish to make on this consultation?

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## Q2 What is your age range?

Answered: 109 Skipped: 4



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
18-24	0.92%	1
25-34	3.67%	4
35-44	20.18%	22
45-54	31.19%	34
55-64	14.68%	16
65+	28.44%	31
Prefer not to say.	0.92%	1
TOTAL		109

## Q3 What is your postcode?

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Answered: 111 Skipped: 2

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	Kippington TN13 2NJ	4/21/2022 9:26 AM
2	Northern TN13 3ER	4/19/2022 7:30 PM
3	Kippington TN13 2NW	4/19/2022 6:07 PM
4	Northern TN13	4/19/2022 11:50 AM
5	Northern TN13 3UD	4/18/2022 12:05 PM
6	Kippington TN13 2NS	4/17/2022 7:21 PM
7	Northern TN133HH	4/12/2022 11:10 AM
8	Northern TN13 3NP	4/12/2022 8:59 AM
9	Northern TN13 3DJ	4/11/2022 9:19 AM
10	Northern TN13 3DY	4/8/2022 2:03 PM
11	Kippington TN13 2NN	4/8/2022 1:46 PM
12	Northern TN13 3DJ	4/8/2022 9:12 AM
13	Northern Tn133er	4/8/2022 8:56 AM
14	Northern Tn133dj	4/7/2022 7:33 PM
15	Northern tn13 3dj	4/7/2022 6:26 PM
16	Northern TN13 3HP	4/7/2022 3:57 PM
17	Kippington TN13 2LX	4/5/2022 11:38 AM
18	Outside Sevenoaks Town DA4 0HE	4/4/2022 9:10 PM
19	Outside Sevenoaks Town TN14 5RX	3/31/2022 9:54 PM
20	Kippington TN13 2NW	3/31/2022 10:06 AM
21	Eastern/St Johns TN133QE	3/30/2022 3:37 PM
22	Kippington TN13 2NR	3/30/2022 11:49 AM
23	Eastern/St Johns TN13 3XR	3/29/2022 6:13 PM
24	Outside Sevenoaks Town TN15 8AR	3/29/2022 1:23 PM

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25	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3JJ	3/29/2022 12:52 PM
26	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3 JJ	3/29/2022 12:31 PM
27	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3NX	3/29/2022 11:44 AM
28	Kippington	TN13 2NH	3/29/2022 9:24 AM
29	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3Jj	3/29/2022 4:51 AM
30	Outside Sevenoaks Town	me19 6hr	3/28/2022 10:49 PM
31	Kippington	TN13 2NN	3/28/2022 9:22 PM
32	Kippington	TN13 2JS	3/28/2022 8:14 PM
33	Northern	TN145AQ	3/28/2022 6:59 PM
34	Outside Sevenoaks Town	TN15 0ES	3/28/2022 6:55 PM
35	Kippington	TN132LT	3/28/2022 5:31 PM
36	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3LT	3/28/2022 5:27 PM
37	Kippington	TN13 1RR	3/28/2022 5:25 PM
38	Kippington	TN13 2LN	3/28/2022 5:23 PM
39	Outside Sevenoaks Town	Tn16 1ps	3/28/2022 5:21 PM
40	Outside Sevenoaks Town	Tn14 5ry	3/28/2022 5:07 PM
41	Outside Sevenoaks Town	TN13 3BT	3/28/2022 4:48 PM
42	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3TQ	3/28/2022 4:43 PM
43	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3XH	3/28/2022 4:35 PM
44	Outside Sevenoaks Town	BR6 7QJ	3/28/2022 4:29 PM
45	Kippington	TN132NW	3/28/2022 4:16 PM
46	Outside Sevenoaks Town	Tn150lp	3/28/2022 4:10 PM
47	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3JJ	3/28/2022 4:08 PM
48	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3JH	3/28/2022 3:58 PM
49	Eastern/St Johns	TN133TW	3/28/2022 3:45 PM
50	Outside Sevenoaks Town	TN14 5PR	3/28/2022 3:43 PM
51	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3NH	3/28/2022 2:57 PM
52	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3UB	3/28/2022 1:05 PM

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53	Kippington	TN13 2NS	3/27/2022 12:22 PM
54	Kippington	Tn13 2NH	3/27/2022 10:49 AM
55	Northern	TN13 3EN	3/26/2022 11:36 AM
56	Kippington	tn13 2nn	3/24/2022 6:00 PM
57	Eastern/St Johns	Tn13 1ah	3/23/2022 7:43 PM
58	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3UA	3/23/2022 6:30 PM
59	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3LR	3/22/2022 5:39 PM
60	Kippington	TN13 2NW	3/22/2022 4:42 PM
61	Kippington	Tn132jr	3/22/2022 7:56 AM
62	Kippington	TN13 2JR	3/22/2022 7:44 AM
63	Kippington	TN13 2NS	3/21/2022 2:12 PM
64	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3JT	3/21/2022 11:12 AM
65	Kippington	TN13 2JS	3/21/2022 11:11 AM
66	Kippington	TN13 1RX	3/21/2022 8:07 AM
67	Kippington	TN13 2NJ	3/21/2022 5:49 AM
68	Eastern/St Johns	Tn13 3lw	3/20/2022 9:11 PM
69	Kippington	TN13 2nw	3/19/2022 6:15 PM
70	Eastern/St Johns	Tn133bb	3/17/2022 9:33 AM
71	Kippington	TN13 2JT	3/16/2022 3:06 PM
72	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3JH	3/16/2022 10:02 AM
73	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3PJ	3/16/2022 8:40 AM
74	Northern	TN133EP	3/15/2022 10:39 PM
75	Kippington	TN13 2NJ	3/15/2022 5:01 PM
76	Kippington	TN13 2JR	3/15/2022 1:37 PM
77	Kippington	Tn132nl	3/15/2022 10:57 AM
78	Kippington	TN13 2NH	3/15/2022 9:18 AM
79	Northern	TN133EH	3/14/2022 9:30 PM
80	Kippington	TN132JR	3/14/2022 5:29 PM

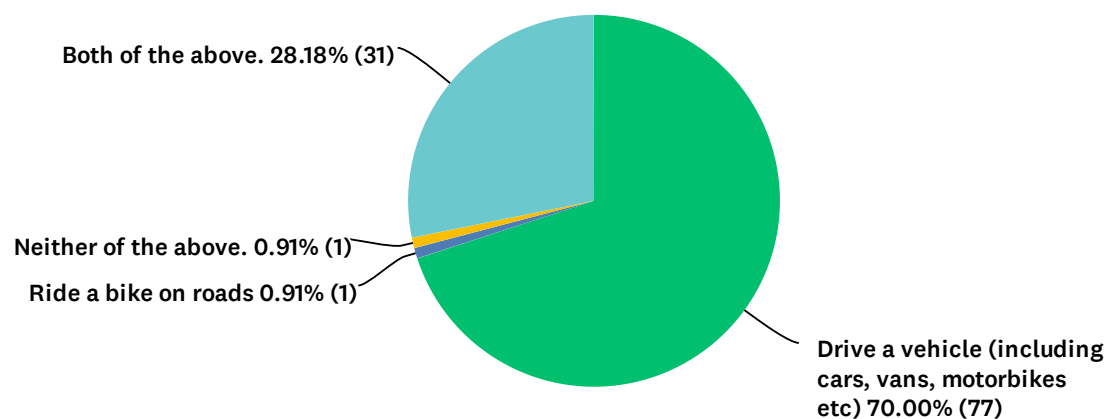
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81	Kippington	TN13 2nh	3/14/2022 5:00 PM
82	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3LU	3/14/2022 2:48 PM
83	Kippington	TN13 1RG	3/14/2022 2:46 PM
84	Kippington	TN13 2JT	3/14/2022 2:06 PM
85	Kippington	TN13 2JS	3/14/2022 12:35 PM
86	Kippington	TN13 2NH	3/14/2022 10:56 AM
87	Kippington	TN13 2NL	3/14/2022 10:42 AM
88	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3NX	3/14/2022 10:03 AM
89	Kippington	TN132PG	3/13/2022 10:06 PM
90	Kippington	TN13 2JS	3/13/2022 8:51 PM
91	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3UA	3/13/2022 2:03 PM
92	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3UA	3/13/2022 11:30 AM
93	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3NQ	3/13/2022 9:37 AM
94	Eastern/St Johns	Tn133ud	3/13/2022 8:28 AM
95	Eastern/St Johns	TN131HJ	3/11/2022 5:08 PM
96	Outside Sevenoaks Town	BR5 1AG	3/11/2022 3:33 PM
97	Eastern/St Johns	Tn13 3pl	3/11/2022 2:15 PM
98	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3TQ	3/11/2022 12:08 PM
99	Outside Sevenoaks Town	TN13 2UU	3/11/2022 12:00 PM
100	Outside Sevenoaks Town	BR6 0QT	3/11/2022 11:20 AM
101	Tn13		3/11/2022 11:01 AM
102	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3LG	3/11/2022 10:57 AM
103	Eastern/St Johns	Tn13 3tq	3/11/2022 10:45 AM
104	Northern	TN13 3DN	3/10/2022 6:37 PM
105	Northern	Tn133dl	3/10/2022 6:16 PM
106	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 1LX	3/10/2022 5:08 PM
107	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3LR	3/10/2022 2:25 PM
108	TN13		3/10/2022 2:02 PM

109	Eastern/St Johns	Tn13 3tj	3/10/2022 1:42 PM
110	Eastern/St Johns	TN13 3AU	3/10/2022 12:13 AM
111	Eastern/St Johns	TN133AF	3/9/2022 2:43 PM

## Q4 Do you or does anyone in your household drive a vehicle or cycle on roads?

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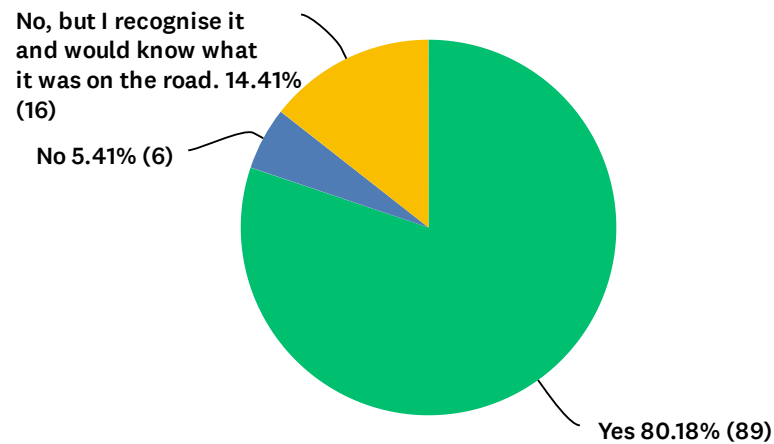


ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Drive a vehicle (including cars, vans, motorbikes etc)	70.00%	77
Ride a bike on roads	0.91%	1
Neither of the above.	0.91%	1
Both of the above.	28.18%	31
TOTAL		110



Q5 Sevenoaks Town Council are running a public consultation on the introduction of a Speed Indicator Device (SID) at various locations (see Q6) within the Sevenoaks Town. These are mobile electric signs placed in 30mph zones for 2 months at a time that indicate what speed a vehicle is going in order to raise driver awareness and reduce speeding. Before today, were you aware of what a Speed Indicator Device is?

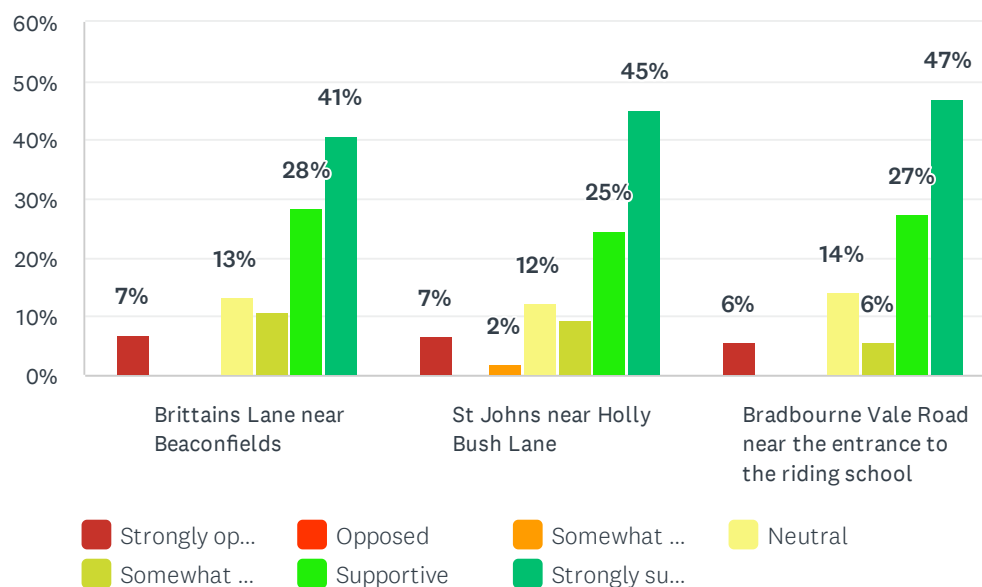
Answered: 111 Skipped: 2



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Yes	80.18%	89
No	5.41%	6
No, but I recognise it and would know what it was on the road.	14.41%	16
TOTAL		111

Q6 Sevenoaks Town Council is proposing to install three brackets at the following locations, for a SID to be placed for up to two months at a time. The SID would be placed at one site and facing one direction for two months before being rotated or moved to the next location. These are locations that the Town Councillors have identified as having past speeding problems that could benefit from speed mitigation. An approximate map of each placement is available via the following link, although exact locations will be determined on site by Kent County Council. Please indicate below your response to these locations and add any additional comments/reasons in the box below.

Answered: 113 Skipped: 0



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	STRONGLY OPPOSED	OPPOSED	SOMEWHAT OPPOSED	NEUTRAL	SOMEWHAT SUPPORTIVE	SUPPORTIVE	STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Brittains Lane near Beaconfields	7% 8	0% 0	0% 0	13% 15	11% 12	28% 32	41% 46	113	4.75
St Johns near Holly Bush Lane	7% 7	0% 0	2% 2	12% 13	9% 10	25% 26	45% 48	106	4.79
Bradbourne Vale Road near the entrance to the riding school	6% 6	0% 0	0% 0	14% 15	6% 6	27% 29	47% 50	106	4.91

#	COMMENTS FOR "BRITTAINS LANE NEAR BEACONFIELDS"	DATE
1	It is costly, it will need volunteers to move it to the next location and it does not necessarily deter drivers from speeding.	4/21/2022 9:26 AM
2	The proposed SID is in the wrong place to give information about speeding on Brittains Lane	4/19/2022 6:07 PM
3	Waste of Council tax money	4/8/2022 2:03 PM
4	Location might be better near Downsview, Redlands Road	4/8/2022 1:46 PM
5	Absolutely necessary as its a narrow road with speeding traffic	4/5/2022 11:38 AM
6	It needs to be positioned by the northern entrance to Beaconfields. See below*	3/31/2022 10:06 AM
7	Care going downhill on Brittains Lane regularly exceed 30mph at the Middlings junction.	3/30/2022 11:49 AM
8	Am not aware of the problems here as I am not a resident	3/29/2022 11:44 AM
9	I'd like to know rationale behind choice of location as site is at a pinch point in the road that already slows vehicles down, hence why I consider there are more effective locations for a SID. For example at the bottom of the long straight beside the entrance to The Middlings, or at the bottom of Redlands Road both where speeding regularly takes place	3/28/2022 9:22 PM
10	A pointless distraction	3/28/2022 6:55 PM
11	Don't drive / cycle there so unaware of situation	3/28/2022 4:35 PM
12	I have a son at The New Beacon, people drive far to fast near the school.	3/28/2022 4:29 PM
13	Erection proposed is at a bottle neck where traffic slows. Better on long straight down to Middlings when traffic is fast.	3/28/2022 2:57 PM
14	This is the wrong location in Brittains Lane. The worst section for speed and constriction is between Croft and The Middlings.	3/27/2022 12:22 PM
15	There is a school very nearby this location and drivers need every encouragement to slow down. Also several badly signed (invisible to cars) footpath /field entrance dog & walker crossings	3/27/2022 10:49 AM
16	Placement is important, in addition to the suggested site I would like to see the unit move to the junction of the Middlings facing the traffic coming down Brittains Lane from the school. I have seen many vehicles come speeding down the hill, where they pick up speed over the 30mph limit before they hit the narrow section by the woods on the RT hand side.!	3/22/2022 4:42 PM

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17	This is a very positive development— having been forced to help divert traffic following a car flipping outside of my house I welcome this initiative, both for my safety and the safety of my children.	3/22/2022 7:56 AM
18	As a resident of Brittain's Lane with two young children I am extremely concerned about the excessive speeding on our road and am strongly supportive of any measures to address the issue. I would encourage you to go further and have the speed indicators as permanent features on the road.	3/22/2022 7:44 AM
19	Do not have knowledge of road	3/21/2022 11:12 AM
20	None	3/21/2022 11:11 AM
21	I do not use Brittain's Lane	3/16/2022 8:40 AM
22	I would position it at the other entrance to Beaconfields as cars tend to be going faster there.	3/15/2022 5:01 PM
23	Cars speed to get up and down the lane as they enter the narrowest point!	3/15/2022 1:37 PM
24	Positioning nearer to the Northern entrance to Beaconfields would be better.	3/15/2022 9:18 AM
25	Speed bumps would also help. People travel at speed well in excess of the 30 mph speed limit	3/14/2022 5:29 PM
26	There is no clear reason given in the letter as to why these are necessary and why to invest over £10,000 of public money on something like this for only 6 weeks?!	3/14/2022 2:46 PM
27	Please install. This is a country lane and speeds are getting dangerously high	3/14/2022 12:35 PM
28	I have been concerned for years at vehicles excessive speeds.	3/14/2022 10:56 AM
29	As I live on Brittain's Lane, I know cars come down from Crosskeys/New Beacon at speeds well in excess of 30mph, so anything that would reduce this would be useful. And as we already have a permanent SID on Brittain's Lane at the bottom of Downsview Road, it would be interesting to see how many cars which are under the speed limit at Downsview Road are above it by the time they reach Beaconfields (when the SID there is logging cars coming up Brittain's Lane).	3/13/2022 8:51 PM
30	People should have their eyes on the road, not more distractions, spend less of my council tax!	3/11/2022 12:00 PM
31	Great initiative!	3/10/2022 6:37 PM
32	Massive problem in the area with speeding especially near to pedestrian crossings.	3/10/2022 1:42 PM
#	<b>COMMENTS FOR "ST JOHNS NEAR HOLLY BUSH LANE"</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	I doubt that the SID will contribute much information about the worst of the speeding on St John's Hill	4/19/2022 6:07 PM
2	The 30mph speed limit is often exceeded, especially at non-rush hour times.	4/12/2022 8:59 AM
3	Waste of Council tax money	4/8/2022 2:03 PM
4	With the amount of cars parked along that road I would have thought you could not reach 30mph	4/7/2022 3:57 PM
5	Anything to stop speeding motorists.	3/31/2022 10:06 AM
6	It's in the wrong place ; traffic doesn't speed past that spot because it slows to get round parked cars. Should be further up towards the vine	3/29/2022 12:52 PM

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7	See further comments	3/29/2022 11:44 AM
8	The camera would be better placed further up the road. People start to speed once they have gone past the Vine (past Hitchen Hatch Lane going down to Mount Harry) - a camera positioned on that stretch of the road might be more useful.	3/29/2022 4:51 AM
9	There are too many distractions already on the stretch of road. Over reaction to a flashing sign will do more harm than good.	3/28/2022 6:55 PM
10	This is a dangerous junction and vehicles often ignore the zebra crossing. I would support a permanent camera or speed device at this location	3/28/2022 5:27 PM
11	Haven't really noticed speeding in this area	3/28/2022 4:48 PM
12	Traffic is faster south of hollybush so surprised it's not by bus stop close to junction with mount harry	3/28/2022 4:43 PM
13	Drive / walk / cycle there regularly and it's a dangerous junction	3/28/2022 4:35 PM
14	I have a daughter at Walthamstow Hall Senior School, again people drive far too fast near schools	3/28/2022 4:29 PM
15	please put a speed camera here too	3/28/2022 3:58 PM
16	VERY supportive	3/22/2022 5:39 PM
17	I cross regularly at the top of St Johns Road, traffic is very fast	3/21/2022 11:12 AM
18	It is a downhill section of road and cars regularly exceed 30mph where I cross the road near St Johns Medical Practice with my seven year old son on the school walk.	3/16/2022 8:40 AM
19	There is no clear reason given in the letter as to why these are necessary and why to invest over £10,000 of public money on something like this for only 6 weeks?!	3/14/2022 2:46 PM
20	I wonder if it would be better to place the St Johns Hill indicator further down the hill on the other side of the road. Traffic coming into town accelerates UP the hill and this is very noticeable. Is that more of a problem than traffic leaving town DOWN the hill. Just a thought?	3/14/2022 10:03 AM
21	I don't know this location so well, but of the three you propose I consider this is probably the least problematic for speeding.	3/13/2022 8:51 PM
22	St John near Holly Bush Lane have quite a few junctions and a zebra crossing there. Since it's already known that high proportion of drivers already exceeding the speed limit, perhaps we should just install a speed camera.	3/13/2022 2:03 PM
23	Would be good to encourage the speed limit	3/13/2022 11:30 AM
24	Would help cause drivers to slow down by zebra crossing	3/13/2022 8:28 AM
25	People should have their eyes on the road, not more distractions, spend less of my council tax!	3/11/2022 12:00 PM
26	Great initiative	3/10/2022 6:37 PM
27	I was nearly hit by cars speeding through the zebra crossing on a few occasions.	3/10/2022 1:42 PM
28	I don't agree that this is the best site as the road narrows and slows speed anyway. It would be better placed closer to the Vine, e.g. the junction with Avenue Road, as there are no pedestrian crossing facilities here and the wider road to the town centre or down Dartford Road encourages drivers to put their foot down. Lots of pedestrians including students and families	3/10/2022 12:13 AM

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with young children use this area to get to school/town/Hollybush rec/church/Station/Knole so I would be more supportive of this alternative site.

#	COMMENTS FOR "BRADBOURNE VALE ROAD NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO THE RIDING SCHOOL"	DATE
1	Extremely dangerous pulling into and out of Lambarde Road at the Bradbourne Vale Rd junction due to speeding cars and the inability to use both sides of the road in Lambarde drive due to parked cars close to the main road. This often leads to having to physically stop in the main road with speeding cars (especially lorries) behind you	4/19/2022 7:30 PM
2	Badly needed.	4/11/2022 9:19 AM
3	Waste of Council tax money	4/8/2022 2:03 PM
4	Should be more along this road as many people seem to get tailgated for driving the correct speed.	4/7/2022 3:57 PM
5	Many drivers are still driving at 40mph, as the road used to be, instead of 30mph.	3/31/2022 10:06 AM
6	This location (actually all along Bradbourne vale rd) really needs something as vehicles go very fast and it is not even clear what the speed limit is (there are no signs) and there have been near misses including children	3/30/2022 3:37 PM
7	My sat nav still says this road is 40mph when in fact it's 30 so any help with reducing speed along the A25 would be welcome.	3/29/2022 6:13 PM
8	Am not aware of the problems here as I am not a resident	3/29/2022 11:44 AM
9	Why?	3/28/2022 6:55 PM
10	Very good idea - some people still drive at 40mph which is what the limit used to be on that road	3/28/2022 4:48 PM
11	Too many ppl speed / drive there, making it unsafe for school children	3/28/2022 4:35 PM
12	People drive far too fast along this 30 mph stretch of road.	3/28/2022 4:29 PM
13	Very supportive	3/22/2022 5:39 PM
14	I drive along here regularly and traffic always speeds	3/21/2022 11:12 AM
15	A number of years back the road was reclassified from 40mph to 30mph, but many cars exceed the limit and this location is close to the Knole Academy secondary school and teenage kids don't always pay attention around road and cars.	3/16/2022 8:40 AM
16	I strongly support this as often as cats speeding and putting children and other pedestrians at risk	3/15/2022 10:39 PM
17	There is no clear reason given in the letter as to why these are necessary and why to invest over £10,000 of public money on something like this for only 6 weeks?! No information has been provided on what alternatives were considered especially if they were cheaper to implement. What does success look like?	3/14/2022 2:46 PM
18	Speeds in excess of 30mph are absolutely routine along Bradbourne Vale Road.	3/13/2022 8:51 PM
19	Whilst I can see placing the SID here is a good for the approach to Bradbourne School, in my experience the downward slope after the railway bridge is where most speeding occurs.	3/13/2022 9:37 AM
20	This should be a high priority site as the location is right by a secondary school	3/11/2022 3:33 PM
21	People should have their eyes on the road, not more distractions, spend less of my council tax!	3/11/2022 12:00 PM

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22	Any measures to calm traffic greatly appreciated	3/10/2022 6:37 PM
23	I live in Bradbourne Vale Road and the speed of the cars is getting ridiculous so I'm very pleased something has been done, it is a move forward but I still think speed cameras are needed	3/10/2022 6:16 PM
24	Cars do speed here	3/10/2022 1:42 PM

### Q7 Do you have any other comments that you wish to make on this consultation?

Answered: 68   Skipped: 45

#	RESPONSES	DATE
1	In principle, it is a good idea, but drivers speed and do not pay attention. Perhaps permanent 30mph signs may help.	4/21/2022 9:26 AM
2	At a time when many people's finances are under severe strain because of record rises in electricity, gas, petrol, diesel, National Insurance, food and general inflation, it is extremely disappointing to see the Council proposing new ways of wasting taxpayers' money. This gimmicky and unsightly toy would serve very little purpose. The proposed location in Brittain's Lane is very narrow (collisions between door mirrors are frequent, as evidenced by debris) and this already provides natural traffic calming. There is already a similar and equally unnecessary similar device only a short distance to the north; another unsightly toy is definitely not required. Indeed, far from serving any safety related purpose, it may even reduce safety. An unexpected brightly flashing sign is a distraction when concentration is required and may cause an extended braking distance if a stop is suddenly required. As there is no enforcement or number plate recognition, some irresponsible groups of users of bikers and 'hot' cars may even take delight in competing with each other to see who can trigger the highest recorded speed; anti-social behaviour by such users can often be seen (and heard) in around the Riverhead area at night. There seems to be a dismal record of wasting money in this area. The existing Brittain's Lane sign is next to a Road Narrows warning sign. That sign was mounted on a streetlight, but a few years ago it was moved to a new pole that was expensively installed at the same spot for no benefit whatsoever (except to make sure a budget was spent before the end of the financial year). Let's not repeat such wasteful nonsense again. Just show civic responsibility by keeping down the Council Tax and spending money only on things which are really necessary.	4/21/2022 9:11 AM
3	The SID on Brittain's Lane would be better placed at the northern entry to Beaconsfield, rather than the southern, as cars will be travelling at higher speeds, in both directions, at that point. Speeding at the southern entry to Beaconsfield is much more limited because traffic going north has not sped up due to bad braking on the hill and traffic going south slows down dramatically at that point because the kerbing to the recreation ground makes a nasty dog leg protruding into the carriageway. Placement of the device at this point seems to be more centred around confirming a utopian view, held by Kent Highways and the Police, that there is limited speeding on Brittain's Lane.	4/19/2022 6:07 PM
4	Bradbourne Residents' Association comment: Our Association represents the interests of residents in the neighbourhood of the Bradbourne Lakes. We very much support the plans Sevenoaks Town Council has to invest in a moveable Speed Indicator Device (SID), for use in the proposed locations of Bradbourne Vale Road near the entrance to the riding school, Brittain's Lane near Beaconsfields and St Johns near Holly Bush Lane. However, we have particular concerns relating to the A25 in our own neighbourhood. It is noted that a temporary average speed camera trial has commenced for the 2 villages of Brasted and Sundridge with Ide Hill, following many reports of speeding and aggressive driving on A25 over the years. Exactly the same situation exists along our section of the A25, Bradbourne Vale Road, as exemplified by another serious	4/19/2022 11:50 AM



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accident just recently, and, while we support the use of a moveable SID as going some way to counter this behaviour, we feel average speed cameras would provide a better deterrent. It would also be consistent with the approach being taken in those two neighbouring villages. We also have concerns regarding Lambarde Road. Used very much as a rat-run through our estate, excessive speed is a constant issue. We ask, therefore, that consideration be given to adding Lambarde Road to the list of roads already proposed for a moveable SID.

5	Holly Bush Lane needs some form of speed reduction. Vehicles regularly exceed the 20mph, there are back gates directly on to road with no pavement, and the junction with Bethel Rd, where pedestrians cross is particularly dangerous.	4/18/2022 12:05 PM
6	No	4/17/2022 7:21 PM
7	We have thought for some time that a SID should be installed on St Johns Hill to remind drivers to observe the speed limit especially as there is a zebra crossing by Holly Bush Lane.	4/12/2022 8:59 AM
8	Looking forward to installation	4/11/2022 9:19 AM
9	What's wrong with you people, there is a cost of living crisis and you want to waste money on these! There is a cost of living crisis, and you want to spend my council tax on this. Get real.	4/8/2022 2:03 PM
10	SID to be considered close to/opposite 3rd Scouts Group - along Bradbourne Vale Road. The Road is slightly wider there and vehicles (including heavy lorries) can be seen clearly exceeding the 30mph speed limit!	4/8/2022 9:12 AM
11	The SID location of St Johns road would be better served in real 'rat runs' like Lambarde Road in my opinion.	4/8/2022 8:56 AM
12	This is such good news and long overdue. Traffic speeds along Bradbourne Vale Road constantly	4/7/2022 6:26 PM
13	Generally I think its a good idea to have these.	4/5/2022 11:38 AM
14	Good idea	3/31/2022 9:54 PM
15	I have lived here for 40 years and been a member of Speedwatch teams. The speed drivers go in Britains Lane is shocking. The position of the SID on your map is near the southern entrance to Beaconfields and as it is narrow there, case slow or stop. The worst speeding is between the northern entrance to Beaconfields and The Middlings. Thank you.	3/31/2022 10:06 AM
16	Why do for 3 months? Can't you just keep them permanently?	3/30/2022 3:37 PM
17	The more of these SIDs across Sevenoaks the better in my opinion as they are a stark and immediate reminder of speed when concentration lapses.	3/29/2022 6:13 PM
18	Please can there be one on mount Harry road as well / instead? Traffic speeds very badly down that road especially towards top end around Blair drive	3/29/2022 12:52 PM
19	As a resident of St Johns Hill for over 30 years I would be interested to know how the council concluded that the area near Hollybush Lane is known to be an area that has a relatively high proportion of vehicles exceeding the speed limit compared to the rest of St Johns Hill. It is between a zebra crossing and a bus stop with busy road junctions that all contribute to restrict the speed of vehicles. A proper consultation with residents further down the hill between St James road and Quakers Hall Lane would highlight that this area is becoming increasingly congested with parked cars, that in turn is obscuring the view of vehicles parked off road on council approved dropped kerb driveways where excessive speeding is becoming extremely dangerous. This is a far more populous area than the area near Hollybush and would therefore benefit far more from stricter speed and parking enforcement. Some permanent 30MPH speed signs and continuous yellow lines as has been afforded the residents of Dartford Road, a wider road, yet all part of the same Hill would be more beneficial.	3/29/2022 11:44 AM

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20	Need a zebra/pelican crossing by New Beacon School! Dangerous for children.	3/29/2022 9:24 AM
21	Speeding undoubtedly occurs all along Brittain's Lane. The almost total absence of any police presence contributes to the blasé attitude of drivers to the 30 mph limit. In my view mobile speed cameras that resulted in speeding fines being issued would be a better than just a SID	3/28/2022 9:22 PM
22	Long overdue on Brittain's Lane (where I live), which sd be a 20mph zone, in my opinion.	3/28/2022 8:14 PM
23	Is this really a sensible use of hard-pressed Council Tax payers' money? Either spend the money on something necessary or don't spend it at all. Stop harassing motorists and try attracting people to the town in stead.	3/28/2022 6:55 PM
24	I fully support the initiative but we should also look at permanent options and cycling lanes in these locations	3/28/2022 5:27 PM
25	Cars drive very fast with many accidents in Weald Road too, especially by the Gracious Lane interchange. Perhaps a similar device should be considered here too?	3/28/2022 5:25 PM
26	I would also to see one of these devices on Amherst Hill as cars speed up and down that hill	3/28/2022 4:48 PM
27	More cycle paths that are separate to / have barrier between them and the car roads needed to encourage more ppl to cycle instead of driving	3/28/2022 4:35 PM
28	I think it's a good idea, all three locations are near to a number of schools and therefore vulnerable pedestrians.	3/28/2022 4:29 PM
29	Please would you consider Mount Harry Road at some point. At times we have vehicles driving 50 mph (St John's end) - it's so dangerous, thank you	3/28/2022 4:08 PM
30	I am strongly supportive of traffic enforcement measures in Sevenoaks and cannot understand why speed limits are so rarely, if ever, enforced in this town. The balance of power away from motor vehicles in a small town needs to be changed in favour of pedestrians and cyclists.	3/28/2022 3:58 PM
31	Could not bring up the website.	3/28/2022 2:57 PM
32	There is already an automatic illuminated '30' indicator adjacent to Downsview. I regularly walk past this point and observe no impact on the speed of cars passing it. I do not think that the SIDs will have any significant effect. Spend the money on proper speed cameras.	3/27/2022 12:22 PM
33	A zebra crossing from St. Julian's Way to The New Beacon school would improve safety for young children.	3/27/2022 10:49 AM
34	No thank you	3/26/2022 11:36 AM
35	paint some white lines on Brittain's Lane, the old ones have almost disappoeard and encourage drivers to keep ot the middle and speed	3/24/2022 6:00 PM
36	Would prefer the advanced SID	3/23/2022 6:30 PM
37	The residents association has lobbied for some time to have speed displays and signs on Brittain's lane. The current display at the bottom of the narrow section has unfortunately had little affect as most cars coming up the lane have to stop opposite the sign to let cars get down the lane at the pinch point.	3/22/2022 4:42 PM
38	The form is badly designed— the desktop application initially hides the “strongly support” option which may lead to under-reporting.	3/22/2022 7:56 AM
39	In general, I find that Sevenoaks has a systematic speeding problem and a comprehensive campaign to tackle it is urgently	3/22/2022 7:44 AM

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needed to improve safety and to reduce pollution and noise levels. I would also like to add that the online survey is not very user-friendly as you cannot see all the fields and options which may lead to confusion and suboptimal responses.

40	We strongly advise to fix at Brittain's Lane a permanent speeding checking device or be able to issue over-speed tickets. There is school facilities but very narrow road without pavements, cars are driving at high speed which is dangerous.	3/21/2022 2:12 PM
41	No	3/21/2022 11:11 AM
42	Any methods to reduce speeding are welcome, including introducing a 20mph speed limit in the town	3/21/2022 8:07 AM
43	No	3/21/2022 5:49 AM
44	No	3/19/2022 6:15 PM
45	I am in favour (strongly) of anything that reduces speeding including: - Speed bumps/monitors - Chicanes - Narrowed carriageways - No right turning Please also consider creating extra space for cycle lanes, wider pavements and better walking surfaces. Encourage cycling and walking over car driving.	3/16/2022 3:06 PM
46	Will it stop the boy racers late at night or in the early hours of the morning?	3/16/2022 10:02 AM
47	None	3/16/2022 8:40 AM
48	This is a very good idea and all three locations would benefit.	3/15/2022 10:39 PM
49	Would also add speedbumps and white lines across Brittain's Lane, especially as the narrow bit near No 85, as this is the most dangerous part of the lane. I'm glad to see that the speed of vehicles around the town is being addressed and attach the completed questionnaire as requested. Brittain's Lane in particular is currently a dangerous road and there do seem to be an increasing number of accidents there lately, particularly near the narrow stretch close to no. 85. It would be good to reduce speeds there in particular. I also ride horses on roads.	3/15/2022 5:01 PM
50	Having just witness a car speeding as it hit the narrowest point in Brittain's Lane , I fully support new speed restrictions	3/15/2022 1:37 PM
51	No	3/14/2022 7:27 PM
52	About time	3/14/2022 5:29 PM
53	The one proposed for Brittain's Lane would be better sited at the northern junction with Beaconfields. Traffic slows at the southern junction because of a pinch point in the road and then speeds up going north.	3/14/2022 5:00 PM
54	Please ensure public spending is done in line with clear problems to solve and success criteria	3/14/2022 2:46 PM
55	Good idea to make drivers aware of their speed in areas where there may be pedestrians and junctions	3/14/2022 10:42 AM
56	I don't have very high hopes that this SID project will make much difference, but it can't hurt - so long as the initial costs are met by a KCC grant. I'm not sure it would be worth Sevenoaks Town Council spending what - for a town council - is quite a lot of money. I would suggest the advanced SID with a SLOW DOWN warning would be the better option, because it will have more impact on motorists, even if it is heavier and uses more battery power.	3/13/2022 8:51 PM
57	Personally think the advanced SID would be better - the marginal cost is not too large and the deterrent to speeding is greater. Although this exercise is about "gathering data", if already going to the trouble then it would make sense to try and encourage less speeding simultaneously. I think that would happen more with the advanced option.	3/13/2022 11:30 AM
58	Have you considered portable SID that Neighbourhood Watch teams could operate to try and reduce speeds in local roads?	3/13/2022 9:37 AM

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59	London Road Dunton Green has been dug up yet again as it seems to be every 2 months and no-one seems to be working on it! If there is any planning involved its rubbish.	3/11/2022 12:00 PM
60	I believe the council should consider investing in more than one SID	3/11/2022 10:45 AM
61	Great initiative. Any measure to calm traffic is greatly appreciated, especially on my road (Bradbourne Vale Rd). It would be very beneficial to the town to introduce 20mph in the centre too!!	3/10/2022 6:37 PM
62	I am pleased something is being done but I don't think it's going to slow the traffic down we had 30 mile an hour speed limit signs up before and nobody took any notice of them I still think the only way forward is speed cameras to stop the speeding traffic along this road	3/10/2022 6:16 PM
63	I think there are other places they would be useful, but I assume the economics would prohibit, what about having/extending 20mph zones in the Town Area? has proved very good in Tonbridge, less queues	3/10/2022 5:08 PM
64	Why is there no strongly supportive box to tick. Seems suspiciously slanted.	3/10/2022 2:25 PM
65	If you want to change how people are drive put in a speed camera, these SID are a waste of money and do not educate drives at all.	3/10/2022 2:02 PM
66	Sevenoaks drivers don't seem to believe in stopping at pedestrian crossing and are likely to speed up near to one rather than stop or slow down	3/10/2022 1:42 PM
67	I welcome this proposal, and would like to take the opportunity to urge councillors to consider traffic measures and/or pedestrian crossing facilities at the northern edge of the Vine / southern edge of Hollybush as crossing Dartford Road can feel very scary, especially when accompanied by children, and I would be nervous about a school student crossing the road alone in the morning.	3/10/2022 12:13 AM
68	How could anyone object?	3/9/2022 2:43 PM

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**Comments on Brittain's Lane near Beaconfields**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>STC Response</b>
20.4.22	It is costly, it will need volunteers to move it to the next location and it does not necessarily deter drivers from speeding	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
8.4.22	Waste of Council tax money	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
8.4.22	Location might be better near Downsview, Redlands Road	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should KCC find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.
5.4.22	Absolutely necessary as it's a narrow road with speeding traffic	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
31.3.22	It needs to be positioned by the northern entrance to Beaconfields. See below*	Thank you for the suggestion of alternate positioning of the proposed Brittain's Lane SID. It has been forwarded to Kent County Council with all the other comments received during this consultation, however please be aware that the KCC Officer that conducted the original site review reported finding it very difficult to find a suitable placement for a SID on this length of road. It therefore may be the case that the KCC Officer has already found that this particular entrance would not be able to support a SID. You can see full comments as received by KCC regarding how each placement was selected at the end of this document.
30.3.22	Cars going downhill on Brittain's Lane regularly exceed 30mph at the Middlings junction.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
29.3.22	Am not aware of the problems here as I am not a resident	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	I'd like to know the rationale behind choice of location as site as at a pinch point in the road that already slows vehicles down, hence why I consider there are more effective locations for a SID. For example at the bottom of the long straight beside the entrance to the Middlings, or at the bottom of Redlands Road both where speeding regularly takes place	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should KCC find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. It has also been forwarded to KCC.
28.3.22	A pointless distraction	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	Don't drive/cycle there so unaware of situation	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	I have a son at The New Beacon, people drive far too fast near the school	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.

28.3.22	Erection proposed is at a bottle neck where traffic slows. Better on long straight down to Middlings when traffic is fast	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.
27.3.22	This is the wrong location in Brittain's Lane. The worst section for speed and constriction is between Croft and The Middlings	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.
27.3.22	There is a school very nearby this location and drivers need every encouragement to slow down. Also several badly signed (invisible to cars) footpath/field entrance dog & walker crossings	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
22.3.22	Placement is important, in addition to the suggested site I would like to see the unit move to the junction of the Middlings facing the traffic coming down Brittain's Lane from the school. I have seen many vehicles come speeding down the hill, where they pick up speed over the 30mph limit before they hit the narrow section by the woods on the RT hand side.!	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.
22.3.22	This is a very positive development – having been forced to help divert traffic following a car flipping outside of my house I welcome this initiative, both for my safety and the safety of my children	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
22.3.22	As a resident of Brittain's Lane with two children I am extremely concerned about the excessive speeding on our road and am strongly supportive of any measures to address the issue. I would encourage you to go further and have the speed indicators as permanent features on the road.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. In response to your comment about a permanent fixture; Kent County Council have found that temporary signs tend to be more effective on motorists, as a certain degree of "sign blindness" occurs in motorists once a fixture has been there for more than 8 weeks. Therefore a portable SID allows multiple sites to benefit without the sign becoming obsolete after motorists become accustomed to it. Please reference Kent County Council's SID document, attached at the end of this document, which goes into more detail of this.
21.3.22	Do not have knowledge of road	Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.
21.3.22	None	Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.
16.3.22	I do not use Brittain's Lane	Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

15.3.22	I would position it at the other entrance to Beaconfields as cars tend to be going faster there.	Thank you for the suggestion. It will be forwarded to KCC, although please be aware that the KCC Officer that conducted the initial site evaluations reported finding it very difficult to find a suitable placement for a SID on this length of road. It therefore may be the case that the KCC Officer has already found that this particular entrance would not be able to support a SID. You can see full comments as received by KCC regarding how each placement was selected at the end of this document.
15.3.22	Cars speed to get up and down the lane as they enter the narrowest point!	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
15.3.22	Positioning nearer to the Northern entrance to Beaconfields would be better.	Thank you for the suggestion. It will be forwarded to KCC, although please be aware that the KCC Officer that conducted the initial site evaluations reported finding it very difficult to find a suitable placement for a SID on this length of road. It therefore may be the case that the KCC Officer has already found that this particular entrance would not be able to support a SID. You can see full comments as received by KCC regarding how each placement was selected at the end of this document.
14.3.22	Speed bumps would also help. People travel at speed well in excess of the 30mph speed limit	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
14.3.22	There is no clear reason given into the letter as to why these are necessary and why to invest over £10,000 of public money on something like this for only 6 weeks?!	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. In response to your query, the fixture would circulate between being placed at each of the three proposed sites every eight weeks. The "cycle" will repeat once the SID has spent sixteen weeks at each location (having been turned around to face the opposite direction after the first eight weeks). Temporary fixtures have been recorded by Kent County Council as being effective for traffic calming, and Sevenoaks Town Council have prioritised roads that are both near to a school, and have been identified as areas of speeding. This is to increase safety of students while walking to school.
14.3.22	Please install. This is a country lane and speeds are dangerously high	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
14.3.22	I have been concerned for years at vehicles excessive speeds.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.



13.3.22	As I live on Brittain's Lane, I know cars come down from Crosskeys/New Beacon at speeds well in excess of 30mph, so anything that would reduce this would be useful. And as we already have a permanent SID on Brittain's Lane at the bottom of Downsview Road, it would be interesting to see how many cars are under the speed limit at Downsview Road are above it by the time they reach Beaconfields (when the SID there is logging cars coming up Brittain's Lane)	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
11.3.22	People should have their eyes on the road, not more distractions, spend less of my council tax!	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
10.3.22	Great initiative!	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
10.3.22	Massive problem in the area with speeding specially near to pedestrian crossings.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.

### Comments on St Johns near Holly Bush Lane

Date	Comment	STC Response
12.4.22	The 30mph speed limit is often exceeded, especially at non-rush hour times.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
8.4.22	Waste of Council tax money	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
7.4.22	With the amount of cars parked along that road I would have thought you could not reach 30mph	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
31.3.22	Anything to stop speeding motorists	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
29.3.22	It's in the wrong place; traffic doesn't speed past that spot because it slows to get round parked cars. Should be further up towards the vine	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council. You can see full comments as received by KCC regarding how each placement was selected at the end of this document.
29.3.22	See further comments	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
29.3.22	The camera would be better placed further up the road. People start to speed once they have gone past the Vine (past Hitchen Hatch Lane going down to Mount Harry) – a camera positioned on that stretch of the road might be more useful.	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council. You can see full comments as received by KCC regarding how each placement was selected at the end of this document.
28.3.22	There are too many distractions already on the stretch of road. Over reaction to a flashing sign will do more harm than good.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	This is a dangerous junction and vehicles often ignore the zebra crossing. I would support a permanent camera or speed device at this location	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. In response to your comment; Kent County Council have found that temporary signs tend to be more effective on motorists, as a certain degree of "sign blindness" occurs in motorists once a fixture has been there for more than 8 weeks. Therefore a portable SID allows multiple sites to benefit without the sign becoming obsolete after motorists become accustomed to it. Please reference KCC's SID document which goes into more detail of this.
28.3.22	Haven't really noticed speeding in this area	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.

28.3.22	Traffic is faster south of hollybush so surprised it's not by bus stop close to junction with mount harry	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council. You can see full comments as received by KCC regarding how each placement was selected at the end of this document.
28.3.22	Drive/walk/cycle there regularly and it's a dangerous junction	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	I have a daughter at Walthamstow Hall Senior School, again people drive far too fast near schools	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	Please put a speed camera here too	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
22.3.22	VERY supportive	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
21.3.22	I cross regularly at the top of St Johns Road, traffic is very fast	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
16.3.22	It is a downhill section of road and cars regularly exceed 30mph where I cross the road near St Johns Medical Practice with my seven year old son on the school walk.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
14.3.22	There is no clear reason given in the letter as to why these are necessary and why to invest over £10,000 of public money on something like this for only 6 weeks?!	<i>Duplicate comment, please see above for response.</i>
14.3.22	I wonder if it would be better to place the St Johns Hill indicator down the hill on the other side of the road. Traffic coming into town accelerates UP the hill and this is very noticeable. Is that more of a problem than traffic leaving town DOWN the hill. Just a thought?	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council. You can see full comments as received by KCC regarding how each placement was selected at the end of this document.
13.3.22	I don't know this location so well, but of the three you propose I consider this is probably the least problematic for speeding.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
13.3.22	St John near Holly Bush Lane have quite a few functions and a zebra crossing there. Since it's already know that high proportion of drivers already exceeding the speed limit, perhaps we should just install a speed camera.	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.

13.3.22	Would be good to encourage the speed limit	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
13.3.22	Would help cause drivers to slow down by zebra crossing	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
11.3.22	People should have their eyes on the road, not more distractions, spend less of my council tax	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
10.3.22	Great initiative	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
10.3.22	I was nearly hit by cars speeding through the zebra crossing on a few occasions.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
10.3.22	I don't agree that this is the best site as the road narrows and slows speed anyway. It would be better placed closer to the Vine, e.g. the junction with Avenue Road, as there are no pedestrian crossing facilities here and the wider road to the town centre or down Dartford Road encourages drivers to put their foot down. Lots of pedestrians including students and families with young children use this area to get to school/town/Hollybush rec/church/Station/Knole so I would be more supportive of this alternative site.	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.

### Comments on Bradbourne Vale Road near the entrance to the riding school

Date	Comment	STC Response
11.4.22	Badly needed.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
8.4.22	Waste of Council tax money	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
7.4.22	Should be more along this road as many people seem to get tailgated for driving the correct speed.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
31.3.22	Many drivers are still driving at 40mph, as the road used to be, instead of 30mph.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
30.3.22	This location (actually all along Bradbourne vale rd) really needs something as vehicles go very fast and it is not even clear what the speed limit is (there are no signs) and there have been near misses including children	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
29.3.22	My sat nav still says this road is 40mph when in fact it's 30 so any help with reducing speed along the A25 would be welcome.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
29.3.22	Am not aware of the problems here as I am not a resident	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	Why?	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. In response to your query, this length of road has been often reported to the Ward Cllrs as problematic for speeding. As it is near a school, Sevenoaks Town Council believes it to be a priority road for traffic calming measures, in order to promote student safety.
28.3.22	Very good idea – some people still drive at 40mph which is what the speed limit used to be on that road	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	Too many ppl speed/drive there, making is unsafe for school children	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	People drive far too fast along this 30mph stretch of road.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
22.3.22	Very supportive	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
21.3.22	I drive along here regularly and traffic always speeds	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
16.3.22	A number of years back the road was reclassified from 40mph to 30mph, but many cars exceed the limit and this location is close	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.

	to the Knole Academy secondary school and teenage kids don't always pay attention around road and cars.	
15.3.22	I strongly support this as often as cars speeding and putting children and other pedestrians at risk	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
14.3.22	There is no clear reason given in the letter as to why these are necessary and why to invest over £10,000 of public money on something like this for only 6 weeks?! No information has been provided on what alternatives were considered especially if they were cheaper to implement. What does success look like?	<i>Duplicate comment, please see above for response.</i>
13.3.22	Speeds in excess of 30mph are absolutely routine along Bradbourne Vale Road.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
13.3.22	Whilst I can see placing the SID here is a good for the approach to Bradbourne School, in my experience the downward slope after the railway bridge is where most speeding occurs.	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should KCC find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. It has also been forwarded to KCC.
11.3.22	This should be a high priority site as the location is right by a secondary school	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
11.3.22	People should have their eyes on the road, not more distractions, spend less of my council tax!	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
10.3.22	Any measures to calm traffic greatly appreciated	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
10.3.22	I live in Bradbourne Vale Road and the speed of cars is getting ridiculous so I'm very pleased something has been done, it is a move forward but I still think speed cameras are needed	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
10.3.22	Cars do speed here	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.

**All other Comments:**

Date	Comment	STC Response
20.4.22	In principle, it is a good idea, but drivers speed and do not pay attention. Perhaps permanent 30mph signs may help.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
20.4.22	<p>At a time when many people's finances are under severe strain because of record rises in electricity, gas, petrol, diesel, National Insurance, food and general inflation, it is extremely disappointing to see the Council proposing new ways of wasting taxpayers' money.</p> <p>This gimmicky and unsightly toy would serve very little purpose. The proposed location in Brittain's Lane is very narrow (collisions between door mirrors are frequent, as evidenced by debris) and this already provides natural traffic calming. There is already a similar and equally unnecessary similar device only a short distance to the north; another unsightly toy is definitely not required.</p> <p>Indeed, far from serving any safety related purpose, it may even reduce safety. An unexpected brightly flashing sign is a distraction when concentration is required and may cause an extended braking distance if a stop is suddenly required. As there is no enforcement or number plate recognition, some irresponsible groups of users of bikers and 'hot' cars may even take delight in competing with each other to see who can trigger the highest recorded speed; anti-social behaviour by such users can often be seen (and heard) in around the Riverhead area at night.</p> <p>There seems to be a dismal record of wasting money in this area. The existing Brittain's Lane sign is next to a Road Narrows warning</p>	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.



	<p>sign. That sign was mounted on a <a href="#">streetlight</a> but a few years ago it was moved to a <a href="#">new pole</a> that was expensively installed at the same spot for no benefit whatsoever (except to make sure a budget was spent before the end of the financial year).</p> <p>Let's not repeat such wasteful nonsense again. Just show civic responsibility by keeping down the Council Tax and spending money only on things which are really necessary.</p>	
16.4.22	<p>Comment from Bradbourne Residents' Association (BRA)</p> <p>Our Association represents the interests of residents in the neighbourhood of the Bradbourne Lakes. We very much support the plans Sevenoaks Town Council has to invest in a moveable Speed Indicator Device (SID), for use in the proposed locations of Bradbourne Vale Road near the entrance to the riding school, Brittain's Lane near Beaconfields and St Johns near Holly Bush Lane.</p> <p>However, we have particular concerns relating to the A25 in our own neighbourhood. It is noted that a temporary average speed camera trial has commenced for the 2 villages of Brasted and Sundridge with Ide Hill, following many reports of speeding and aggressive driving on A25 over the years. Exactly the same situation exists along our section of the A25, Bradbourne Vale Road, as exemplified by another serious accident just recently, and, while we support the use of a moveable SID as going some way to counter this behaviour, we feel average speed cameras would provide a better deterrent. It would also be consistent with the approach being taken in those two neighbouring villages.</p> <p>We also have concerns regarding Lambarde Road. Used very much as a rat-run through our estate, excessive speed is a</p>	<p>Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your suggestion of alternate positioning of the SID locations has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.</p> <p>Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.</p>

	constant issue. We ask, therefore, that consideration be given to adding Lambarde Road to the list of roads already proposed for a moveable SID.	
12.4.22	We have thought for some time that a SID should be installed on St Johns Hill to remind drivers to observe the speed limit especially as there is a zebra crossing by Holly Bush Lane	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
11.4.22	Looking forward to installation	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
8.4.22	What's wrong with you people, there is a cost of living crisis and you want to waste money on these! There is a cost of living crisis, and you want to spend my council tax on this. Get real.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
8.4.22	SID to be considered close to/opposite 3 <sup>rd</sup> Scouts Group – along Bradbourne Vale Road. The Road is slightly wider there and vehicles (including heavy lorries) can be seen clearly exceeding the 30mph speed limit!	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.
8.4.22	The SID location of St Johns road would be better served in real 'rat runs' like Lambarde Road in my opinion.	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.
7.4.22	This is such good news and long overdue. Traffic speeds along Bradbourne Vale Road constantly	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
5.4.22	Generally I think it's a good idea to have these.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
31.3.22	Good idea	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
31.3.22	I have lived here for 40 years and been a member of Speedwatch teams. The speed drivers go in Brittain's Lane is shocking. The position of the SID on your map is near the southern entrance to Beaconfields and as it is narrow here, cars slow or stop. The worst speeding is between the northern entrance to Beaconfields and The Middlings. Thank you.	Thank you for the suggestion of alternate positioning of the proposed Brittain's Lane SID. It has been forwarded to Kent County Council with all the other comments received during this consultation, however please be aware that the KCC Officer that conducted the original site review reported finding it very difficult to find a suitable placement for a SID on this length of road. It therefore may be the case that the KCC Officer has already found that this particular entrance would not be able to support a SID. You can see full comments as received by KCC regarding how each placement was selected at the end of this document.

30.3.22	Why do for 3 months? Can't you just keep them permanently?	<p>This is a cost effective initiative that allows for Town and Parish Councils to mitigate speed in multiple sites instead of spending a similar amount of money on one permanent fixture (a Vehicle Activated Sign)</p> <p>The 3 months are chosen due to studies having seen a drop in the effectiveness of signs such as these after 3 months due to drivers seeing them everyday. Drivers can become "blind" to them and will notice a new sign much more quickly than one that has been there for a longer amount of time. So moving the signs not only covers more sites, but also keeps motorists from not noticing them and makes them stay effective.</p>
29.3.22	The more of these SIDs across Sevenoaks the better in my opinion as they are a stark and immediate reminder of speed when concentration lapses.	<p>Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.</p>
29.3.22	Please can there be one on mount Harry road as well/instead? Traffic speeds very badly down that road especially towards top end around Blair drive	<p>Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.</p>
29.3.22	<p>As a resident of St Johns Hill for over 30 years I would be interested to know how the council concluded that the area near Hollybush Lane is known to be an area that has relatively high proportion of vehicles exceeding the speed limit compared to the rest of St Johns Hill. It is between a zebra crossing and a bus stop with busy road junctions that all contribute to restrict the speed of vehicles.</p> <p>A proper consultation with residents further down the hill between St James road and Quakers Hall Lane would highlight that this area is becoming increasingly congested with parked cars, that in turn is obscuring the view of vehicles parked off road on council approved dropped kerb driveways where excessive speeding is becoming extremely dangerous.</p> <p>This is a far more populous area than the area near Hollybush and would therefore benefit far more from stricter speed and parking enforcement. Some permanent 30mph speed signs and</p>	<p>Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.</p> <p>Proposed placement of the SIDs was determined by KCC Officers following initial site visits for a location that would allow installation of SID apparatus without affecting pedestrians and maintaining statutory pavement sizes.</p> <p>STC Councillors suggested the roads as per the following specifications and it was left to KCC to determine where a SID would be viable.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bradbourne Vale Road near entrance to riding school</li> <li>• Brittain's Lane near Beaconfields</li> <li>• St Johns Hill near Holly Bush Lane</li> </ul>

	continuous yellow lines as has been afforded the residents of Dartford Road, a wider road, yet all part of the same Hill would be more beneficial.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Seal Hollow Road near Salterns access</li> </ul> <p>STC Councillors suggested potential sites as per their elected Wards, and as per public comments that they have received in the past about speeding concerns in the local area. Areas around schools were prioritised, and the three final locations were therefore selected.</p> <p>A slightly more in depth explanation provided by the KCC Officer as to how the locations were determined is available at the end of this document.</p>
29.3.22	Need a zebra/pelican crossing by New Beacon School! Dangerous for children.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
28.3.22	Speeding undoubtedly occurs all along Brittain's Lane. The almost total absence of any police presence contributes to the blasé attitude of drivers to the 30mph limit. In my view mobile speed cameras that resulted in speeding fines being issues would be better than just a SID.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
28.3.22	Long overdue on Brittain's Lane (where I live), which should be a 20mph zone, in my opinion.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	Is this really a sensible use of hard-pressed Council Tax payers' money? Either spend the money on something necessary or don't spend it at all. Stop harassing motorists and try attracting people to the town instead.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	I fully support the initiative but we should look at permanent options and cycling lanes in these locations	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
28.3.22	Cars drive very fast with many accidents in Weald Road too, especially by the Gracious Lane interchange. Perhaps a similar device should be considered here too?	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should KCC find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. It has also been forwarded to KCC.
28.3.22	I would also like to see one of these devices on Amherst Hill as cars speed up and down that hill	Unfortunately this is not a site that Sevenoaks Town Council would be able to pursue, as it falls outside of the Sevenoaks Town boundary. Amherst

		Hill is within Riverhead Parish Council's boundary, adjoining Sevenoaks Town. It would therefore be up to Riverhead Parish Council first to decide to pursue its own SID, and then to explore locations such as Amherst Hill within its Parish boundary.
28.3.22	More cycle paths that are separate to/have a barrier between them and the car roads needed to encourage more people to cycle instead of driving	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
28.3.22	I think it's a good idea, all three locations are near to a number of schools and therefore vulnerable pedestrians.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
28.3.22	Please would you consider Mount Harry Road at some point. At times we have vehicles driving 50mph (St John's end) – its so dangerous, thank you	Thank you for the suggestion, this has been noted should Kent County Council find any of the three consulted upon sites as unusable, or if STC considers a second SID in the future. All comments have also been forwarded to Kent County Council.
28.3.22	I am strongly supportive of traffic enforcement in Sevenoaks and cannot understand why speed limits are so rarely, if ever, enforced in this town. The balance of power away from motor vehicles needs to be changed in favour of pedestrians and cyclists.	Increasing the presence and safety of cyclists and pedestrians is one of the foremost priorities of Sevenoaks Town Council. It is hoped that with the adoption of the Draft NDP that more can be done to reach this vision.
28.3.22	Could not bring up the website.	Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.
27.3.22	There is already an automatic illuminated '30' indicator adjacent to Downsview. I regularly walk past this point and observe no impact on the speed of cars passing it. I do not think that the SIDs will have any significant effect. Spend the money on proper speed cameras.	KCC have found that temporary fixtures such as portable SIDs are more effective in traffic management due to motorists becoming "sign blind" when a sign has been at one location for over 2 months. The temporary nature of this sign should therefore keep the sign as effective as possible at any given time, as it is periodically moved back and forth between each location.
27.3.22	A zebra crossing from St Julian's Way to New Beacon School would improve safety for young children.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
26.3.22	No thank you	Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.

24.3.22	Paint some white lines on Brittain's Lane, the old ones have almost disappeared and encourage drivers to keep to the middle and speed	Your comments have been forwarded to Kent County Council, however Sevenoaks Town Council would also recommend reporting this via KCC's website so that it will be logged officially on the system to be looked into.
23.3.22	Would prefer the advanced SID	<p>This option was discussed with KCC, however the placement of a SID on the busy Bradbourne Vale Road would not be viable for this. This is because the higher volume in traffic would drain the battery a lot quicker than on any of the other proposed roads. The advanced SID is estimated to last 1-2 weeks on an average road, while the mini SID is 5-6 weeks. Given that the advanced SID replacement battery is significantly heavier and would likely need to be changed as often as weekly or multiple times a week on a volunteer basis, this just would not be viable.</p> <p>Councillors debated over dropping the Bradbourne Vale Road site for another so that the advanced SID option could be considered, and for the battery not to be so quickly depleted, however this was consequently decided against. The Councillors considered this site to be a priority that should be addressed as soon as possible.</p>
22.3.22	The residents association has lobbied for some time to have speed displays and signs on Brittain's Lane. The current display at the bottom of the narrow section has unfortunately had little affect as most cars coming up the lane have to stop opposite the sign to let cars get down the lane at the pinch point.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
22.3.22	The form is badly designed – the desktop application initially hides the “strongly support” option which may lead to under-reporting.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Apologies for the display issues the survey, which did have a “strongly support” option. This was a feature beyond Sevenoaks Town Council's control, as the survey was made through SurveyMonkey.
22.3.22	In general, I find that Sevenoaks has a systematic speeding problem and a comprehensive campaign to tackle it is urgently needed to improve safety and to reduce pollution and noise levels. I would also like to add that the online survey is not very user-friendly as you cannot see all the fields and options which may lead to confusion and suboptimal responses.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Apologies for the display issues the survey, which did have a “strongly support” option. This was a feature beyond Sevenoaks Town Council's control, as the survey was made through SurveyMonkey.

21.3.22	We strongly advise to fix Brittain's Lane a permanent speeding checking device or to be able to issue over speed tickets. There is a school facilities but very narrow road without pavements, cars are driving at high speed which is dangerous.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
21.3.22	No additional comment	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
21.3.22	Any methods to reduce speeding are welcome, including introducing a 20mph speed limit in the town	
21.3.22	No additional comment	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
19.3.22	No additional comment	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
16.3.22	I am in favour (strongly) of anything that reduces speeding including: – speed bumps/monitors – chicanes – narrowed carriageways – no right turning. Please also consider creating extra space for cycle lanes, wider pavements and better walking surfaces. Encourage cycling and walking over car driving.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
16.3.22	Will it stop the boy racers late at night or in the early hours of the morning?	The SID will be operational 24 hours a day and will show up at any time of day to indicate a drivers' speed.
16.3.22	No additional comment	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
15.3.22	This is a very good idea and all three locations would benefit.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
15.3.22	Would also add speedbumps and white lines across Brittain's Lane, especially at the narrow bit near No 85, as this is the most dangerous part of the lane. I'm glad to see that the speed of vehicles around the town is being addressed and attach the completed questionnaire as requested. Brittain's Lane in particular is currently a dangerous road and there do seem to be an increasing number of accidents there lately, particularly near the narrow stretch close to no.85. It would be good to reduce speeds there in particular. I also ride horses on roads.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
15.3.22	Having just witnessed a car speeding as it hit the narrowest point in Brittain's Lane, I fully support new speed restrictions	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
15.3.22	No additional comment	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
14.3.22	About time	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
14.3.22	The one proposed for Brittain's Lane would be better sited at the northern junction with Beaconfields. Traffic slows at the southern	Thank you for the suggestion. It will be forwarded to KCC, although please be aware that the KCC Officer that conducted the initial site evaluations

	junction because of a pinch point in the road and then speeds up going north.	reported finding it very difficult to find a suitable placement for a SID on this length of road. It therefore may be the case that the KCC Officer has already found that this particular entrance would not be able to support a SID.
14.3.22	Please ensure public spending is done in line with clear problems to solve and success criteria (strongly against commenter)	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. In response to your comment, the three proposed sites for a SID were suggested by the Sevenoaks Town Council Councillors as per public comments that they have received in the past about speeding concerns in the local area. Sevenoaks Town Council therefore justifies that the problem is speeding on roads near schools, and that the improvement of student safety would constitute a success.
14.3.22	Good idea to make drivers aware of their speed in areas where there may be pedestrians and junctions	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
13.3.22	I don't have any high hopes that this SID project will make much difference, but it can't hurt – so long as the initial costs are by a KCC grant. I'm not sure if would be worth Sevenoaks Town Council spending what – for a town council – is quite a lot of money. I would suggest the advanced SID with a SLOW DOWN warning would be a better option, because it will have more impact on motorists, even if it is heavier and uses more battery power.	This option was discussed with KCC, however the placement of a SID on the busy Bradbourne Vale Road would not be viable for this. This is because the higher volume in traffic would drain the battery a lot quicker than on any of the other proposed roads. The advanced SID is estimated to last 1-2 weeks on an average road, while the mini SID is 5-6 weeks. Given that the advanced SID replacement battery is significantly heavier and would likely need to be changed as often as weekly or multiple times a week on a volunteer basis, this just would not be viable.  Councillors debated over dropping the Bradbourne Vale Road site for another so that the advanced SID option could be considered, and for the battery not to be so quickly depleted, however this was consequently decided against. The Councillors considered this site to be a priority that should be addressed as soon as possible.
13.3.22	Personally think the advanced SID would be better, the marginal cost is not too large and the deterrent to speeding is greater. Although this exercise is about "gathering data", if already going to the trouble then it would make sense to try and encourage less	This option was discussed with KCC, however the placement of a SID on the busy Bradbourne Vale Road would not be viable for this. This is because the higher volume in traffic would drain the battery a lot quicker than on any of the other proposed roads. The advanced SID is estimated



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13.3.22	Have you considered portable SID that Neighbourhood Watch teams could operate to try and reduce speeds in local roads?	<p>This would require a registered scheme where the sites have been risk assessed by Kent Police and the speedwatch boards supervised by volunteers.</p> <p>A speedwatch scheme is a potential avenue for exploration, however is a separate topic, and would also be entirely dependent on volunteers organising where and when to meet in order for it to be effective. Sevenoaks Town Council views the three proposed sites as priorities due to their close vicinity to schools, and therefore decided that a 24hour sign would be the preferred option.</p> <p>That is not to say that future speedwatch schemes would not be supported by the Town Council, just that these locations require immediate and reliable attention.</p>
11.3.22	London Road Dunton Green has been dug up yet again as it seems to be every 2 months and no-one seems to be working on it! If there is any planning involved its rubbish.	This is an issue that KCC are responsible for. If you haven't already, Sevenoaks Town Council would recommend that you report this on KCC's website.
11.3.22	I believe the council should consider investing in more than one SID	<p>Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project, and STC did in fact consider this, and is currently looking into a scheme for a Vehicle Activated Sign at Seal Hollow Road. This is similar to a SID, but permanent.</p>
10.3.22	Great initiative. Any measure to calm traffic is greatly appreciated, especially on my road (Bradbourne Vale Road). It would be very beneficial to the town to introduce 20mph in the centre too!!	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.

10.3.22	I am pleased something is being done but I don't think it's going to slow the traffic down, we had 30mph speed limit signs up before and nobody took any notice of them, I still think the only way forward is speed cameras to stop the speeding traffic along this road	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
10.3.22	I think there are other places they would be useful, but I assume the economics would prohibit. What about having/extending 20mph zones in the Town Area? Has proved very good in Tonbridge, less queues	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Kent County Council are responsible for speed limitations and are, as it understood by the Town Council, currently investigating where in Sevenoaks Town 20mph zones can be introduced.
10.3.22	Why is there no strongly supportive box to tick. Seems suspiciously slanted.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Apologies for the display issues the survey, which did have a "strongly support" option. This was a feature beyond Sevenoaks Town Council's control, as the survey was made through SurveyMonkey.
10.3.22	If you want to change how people are driving put in a speed camera, these SIDs are a waste of money and do not educate drivers at all.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
10.3.22	Sevenoaks drivers don't seem to believe in stopping at pedestrian crossing and are likely to speed up near to one rather than stop or slow down	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.
10.3.22	I welcome this proposal, and would like to take the opportunity to urge councillors to consider traffic measures and/or pedestrian crossing facilities at the northern edge of the Vine/southern edge of Hollybush as crossing Dartford Road can feel very scary, especially when accompanied by children, and I would be nervous about a school student crossing the road alone in the morning.	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated. Your comments regarding additional traffic calming have also been noted for consideration for any future project.
9.3.22	How could anyone object?	Thank you for your comments, your feedback is much appreciated.

**Copy of an email from a Kent County Council Officer, detailing how the three locations were selected (referenced in the aforementioned STC response document)**

Good Afternoon Georgie,

Thank you for your recent email. Apologies for the delay in review, site visits were considerably limited through December and January due to Covid guidelines. I visited Sevenoaks this week to review the site suggestions put forward by the Town Council and have been putting it all together for you. My findings are as follows, and there are multiple images attached showing a rough indication of the sign placement for each suitable location.

**Bradbourne Vale Road near entrance to Riding School**

There are a lot of obstructions in the immediate vicinity of the Academy. This includes bus stops, statutory signage, bridge decks and a general unfavorable alignment, all making it very difficult to find anywhere to position a sign. However moving down towards the riding school there is a good section of verge between the pedestrian islands, approximately opposite a bus stop and property no.85 which seems ok. I do not think it would adversely affect the riding school access or draw motorists attention away from the islands. Please see images attached

I think we could install a post approximately 3m in front of the telecoms pylon in the verge. This would be suitable for 1 directional usage, for traffic approaching from Riverhead, which I believe was the preference here.

I would also reiterate my previous note on this location, in that I would recommend against installing a sign of this nature on a road such as the A25. These devices are battery powered, and are unlikely to provide sufficient capacity on a busy route such as this.





### **Brittains Lane near Beaconsfields**

There is nowhere suitable between the Beaconsfield accesses, but just past the southern junction the footway is wide with a clear line of sight in both directions. A post could be placed here without compromising the minimum footway width requirements. I would look to install approximately adjacent to the edge of the hedge/brick wall as shown in the attached images. This would be suitable for use in both directions.



### **St Johns Hill near Holly Bush Lane**

Closer to Quakers Hall Lane the road is very steep with lots of parked cars. These variances can compromise the radar in the sign and miss vehicles entirely as they would not necessarily be within the radar scope. However, further up the hill past the church I think there is a small section of footway approximately opposite the access for no.10 which is useable. The post would need to be installed at the back of the footway relatively tight to the church wall, but appears to offer a decent line of sight in both directions. It may slightly obscure the bus stop behind for northbound vehicles but not enough to present a hazard.

However, this location could produce objections at the consultation stage due to the proximity and visibility to residences. This would be suitable for use in both directions.





### Seal Hollow Road near Salterns access.

This location was particularly difficult for various reasons. Every section of verge on the east side was enormous and certainly capable of physically accommodating a sign safely. However whether it be geometry of the carriageway, huge trees blocking the line or statutory signage, it was very difficult to pin down. I have notes if necessary but all's to say, I did not find it especially promising despite the enormous verges!

I did however find a small section on the west side footway, just prior to the access for "Salterns". The line of sight in both directions is advantageous (if perhaps a touch short for northbound traffic), and would sit relatively discreetly. This would be suitable for use in both directions.



We therefore have potentially four post locations and seven different "locations" when factoring in the potential dual-use sites. However, given that the spirit of the scheme requires regular moving of the sign, we do ask that any singular scheme has no more than 6 locations. This is to ensure that the sign is sufficiently moved around the area at regular periods and appears at each location a sufficient number of times throughout the year. Any more than 6 and the scheme can start to become a bit thinly-spread or sparse, with posts sat empty for considerable periods of time.

I would ask the Council to consider all of the above information and let me know how they wish to proceed. Please bare in mind that just because a site *can* be used in both directions, there is no obligation to do so. It may be that the Council has no cause for concern for particular directions of travel at certain locations and do not wish to pursue dual-use. This is absolutely fine, I simply require confirmation of the (maximum) 6 locations that the Council wish to proceed with.

The next stage after this will be to obtain the underground statutory information for all sites and ensure it is safe to dig and that we will not compromise existing utilities and services. I will take care of this upon site confirmation and if confirmed as ok I can then supply a quotation.

After this, the Town Council will be required to undertake a formal consultation with residents before we can proceed.

I appreciate this is a lot of information to digest, so if anything is uncertain please do let me know.

Kindest Regards,

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## Parish Speed Indicator Device Scheme

**SID**

Parish Councils are often keen to address speed related issues in their local area. Therefore, we have created a scheme now used across Kent by many parishes; the Speed Indicator Device (SID) – a flexible alternative to the static electronic signs.

This arrangement is for a single SID to be used at multiple sites on fixed poles within existing 30mph zones only. It is a driver education tool but not suitable for use in 20mph areas due to the sensitivity of the radar unit. The equipment is an education tool, not suitable for enforcement action and not safety critical.



For clarity, this scheme is not affiliated with SpeedWatch which is similar but serves a different role and purpose. Active SpeedWatch sites are not necessarily suitable for the SID and each location will be assessed on an individual basis.

All SID apparatus must be procured through KCC using this agreed process, the approved sign supplier and contractor. Whilst there are several manufacturers of similar equipment, these are not authorised for use on the Kent highway network and will be removed.

### Sign equipment

Each SID is battery powered and can be moved by a single person, although this may not be practicable. The sign is supplied with a spare battery and charger to allow it to be swapped when necessary. There is the option to include a data collection facility for an additional cost. Delivery time will be approximately 12 weeks from the order being placed.

Two versions are available; the Mini or the Advanced type. Battery life is dependent on traffic volume but about four weeks for the Mini SID and about one week for the Advanced version. The Mini SID is relatively lightweight with an electronic display to show actual vehicle speed above 25mph. It flashes for those above the 30mph limit and blanks at 40mph to discourage “high scores”. The Advanced sign has an identical speed display and includes a ‘SLOW DOWN’ legend beneath but is significantly heavier.

Either SID is easily transferable between locations with the correct training, although the Mini SID is recommended as a more lightweight device. There is no option for a solar powered system as this creates additional risks when moving the sign near the highway.

Each sign can be supplied with a data collection facility and appropriate download software, although this information will be indicative only and no substitute for a formal survey.

### Poles and brackets

Fixed 4m posts will be installed at all locations agreed during the site visit but will leave empty poles around the parish when not in use. Each site will be assessed on an individual basis and will be at our professional discretion. There are no defined criteria, but each site should be within the highway boundary, 150m inside 30mph speed limit zones and away from existing signs, junctions or bus stops.

A minimum of three posts is required per SID, with a bracket for each, to a limit of five sites per sign in order to comply with movement requirements and retain effectiveness. For maximum effectiveness, the locations should be well distributed and not on a single corridor.

A local consultation exercise must be undertaken by the Parish Council to ensure that residents have an opportunity to comment on the scheme. Evidence of this will be required before ordering the equipment and any objections will need to be considered and the scheme re-evaluated.

## Traffic management and site safety

Some post locations may require traffic management during their installation, but this must not be required for relocating the SID and will be an assessment consideration. Basic traffic management using cones/barriers is included in the price, but any extra safety measures will require a further site visit and increase the scheme cost, e.g. temporary traffic signals.

## Sign relocation

In order to comply with traffic signs regulations, the sign must not remain in one location for more than two months and therefore requires regular relocation. A group of volunteers need to be responsible for the SID movement and battery charging. No lifting equipment will be needed as the poles will be in place and the SID will simply attach to the bracket.

Initial training will be given on the device setup and mounting. The use of hi-visibility vests and PPE are essential during the relocation process and the Parish Council must carry out a risk assessment for the movement of the signs including parking/access for each location.

A Memorandum of Understanding must be signed by the Parish which defines the roles and responsibilities of each party.

## Maintenance

The sign has a 12-month warranty from the manufacturer, who will deal with any technical issues directly with the Parish Council. However, any initial problems can be discussed with the KCC Traffic & Network Solutions team.

Replacement batteries, new brackets or extra poles are available but should be procured via KCC to ensure compatibility. It is strongly advised that the SID is covered by Parish Council insurance, as in the event of theft or damage we are unable to provide a replacement.

## Finance

Below are two examples of SID packages, although each scheme will be quoted individually based on the specific requirements – please do not use these prices for budgetary purposes:

This package includes:

- One electronic sign with a data collection facility
- Two batteries and a charger
- Galvanised poles with mounting brackets
- Post installation with minor traffic management
- Two padlocks and keys
- Site visit, land ownership check and utility surveys
- Delivery and training

### Mini SID + 3 posts (recommended)



8kg SID + 4kg battery

**£7,000 (excl. VAT)**

### Advanced SID + 5 posts



12kg SID + 12kg battery

**£9,000 (excl. VAT)**

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