

DERBYSHIRE SAFETY CAMERA PARTNERSHIP

STEERING/WORKING GROUP MEETING

MINUTES

Thursday 1st July 2004

Police Headquarters – New Conference Room

OPEN SESSION

1. Attendance:

Margaret Ward	-	Police
Alan Bannister	-	Police
Dave Skinner	-	Police
Ellen Li	-	Police
Martin Cantrill	-	Police
Liam Vint	-	Police
Paul Robinson	-	Derbyshire County Council
Graham Wheatley	-	Derbyshire County Council
Neill Bennett	-	Derbyshire County Council
Pete Leigh	-	Derbyshire County Council
Ian Butler	-	Derby City Council
Jon Pumfrey	-	Derby City Council
Jane Kirk	-	Magistrates

2. Apologies:

Geoff Hall (Police), David Walker (County), Phil Bellefontaine (County), Ben Cooke (AMScott), Keith Sharples (AMScott), David Fox (Magistrates), Sue Savage (Magistrates), Becky Mahon (CPS), Andrea Charity (CPS).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the last meeting of the 18th May 2004 were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising:

Maggie gave an update on the operations to date, as follows:-

Operations Update:

CTO Workload/Enforcement:

Maggie confirmed that the order for the StarTraQ system has been placed. All Force IT work should have been finalised by the end of July and StarTraQ can complete their implementation ready for film viewing around mid-August.

PR/Marketing:

Carlton Advertising:

The 4 advertising creatives have now been produced by a local company and the ads will be shown at UCI and Showcase cinemas (Derby and Chesterfield) in the near future – hopefully some time around August.

Radio Advertising:

The radio advertisements are proving very successful on RAM fm and Peak 107, especially as they emphasise that the Partnerships aim is to reduce casualties, and reduce the cost to the NHS. Jon brought to the attention of the group that he had heard similar adverts in Hull, and they also included useful tips such as ‘if you are in a built up area and are unsure of the speed limit, assume it is 30mph’.

The presenters of the “Morning Show” on RAM fm (Rachel and Deano) are having live chats each morning with the Derby mobile officer on duty. These are also extremely successful as the officer most frequently telephoned by the presenters is becoming quite a celebrity.

Regional Marketing:

The attendance by the DSCP mobile officers on the Regional SC stand at the Motor show, NEC in May was successful. Thousands of CDs were given away showing the sites of all cameras throughout the Region (Warwickshire / Nottinghamshire/ Staffordshire/ Lincolnshire/ West Midlands / West Mercia / Leicestershire. Members of the group were provided with copies of these CD’s in the meeting.

WORKING GROUP SECTION:

5. Proposed Fixed 2003/2004 Sites:

County confirmed that 10 out of the 11 proposed sites have now been commissioned (with the exception of Ambergate).

City confirmed that all sites have now been commissioned.

6. Removal of 2 unused housings:

(Hawthorne Street, Chesterfield AND South Normanton sites)

Pete confirmed that these are to be used at the new sites at B600 Somercotes and B5010 Sandiacre. Information regarding the new sites is to be passed to Maggie and Alan to confirm site accuracy is acceptable.

7. Signing:

The new camera sited behind a school sign at **Ambergate** is to be removed. Inspector Bannister and members of the County Council held a site meeting on 25th June when the re-siting of the housing was discussed. The most suitable site was near Dean Close on the other side of the pelican crossing. Further discussions on Ambergate were held outside the meeting.

The housing placed alongside the boundary sign at **Heanor** was also the subject of disapproval by members of the public – the sign was removed on 29th June when the site was commissioned. A school sign is also hiding the new Nottingham Road,

Ilkeston camera – the sign was to be removed and placed across the road. Graham confirmed that this has yet to be undertaken, and is to speak to Street Lighting.

An item is being placed on the agenda of the next Senior Partners meeting to resolve any issues on siting accuracy, as it looks to members of the public like a deliberate attempt to hide the cameras, and therefore will leave the Partnership open to further criticism. Maggie suggested that it would be prudent in future if the appropriate Police personnel were consulted before camera housings were erected.

OPERATIONAL CASE 2004/2005

Proposed Fixed 2004/05 Sites

The possibilities discussed for future sites are Sinfin Lane (City), Langley Mill and Buxton A6.

Proposed Mobile 2004/05 Sites

Pete has issued the instruction to begin work on the hardstanding at Swadlincote (Hearthcote Road).

Paul is to discuss proposed mobile sites with Maggie at a later date.

8. Gatso's

Gatso front photography: Trialled in Essex. Used purely for identification – now been type approved. Used in conjunction with current rear photography – using optical sensor – sites on top of robot system. 2 systems: wet film / digital - currently researching the flash. A visit is to be made on 10th August. Any County/City Partners wishing to visit were asked to let Ellen or Maggie know – the Nottinghamshire Partnership have also expressed an interest in attending at the same time.

9. Stenson Road, Derby:

The 30mph signs at Stenson Road, Derby have been turned around so the oncoming traffic see the reverse side of 40mph, and assume that is the limit. All the signs have now been turned the right way round, but there is currently nothing to stop this from being done again. It was suggested in a previous meeting that the signs could be placed on square posts to prevent the signs being turned around by mischief makers. It was confirmed by Ian that this should be done in the near future.

10. Service Level Agreement / Memorandum of Understanding:

Maggie asked if the Magistrates could have their MOU signed and returned to her in readiness for the Senior Partners meeting on 14th July, when this will be raised as a completed item on the agenda. Jane stated that she would remind David to get it signed.

11. Operational Case 2005/2006:

Maggie asked the Partners to let Ellen have their site lists for the next Operational Case.

12. Hard standing:

Phil – Dove Holes, Northwood?

Signs at Bakewell? – Phil didn't attend the meeting so this still needs to be resolved.

Marked Bays: A610 Codnor – Pete stated that Mike Hawkins met with Ian Windmill regarding this. The conclusion they came to was that the bay couldn't be put on the footway. Instead it may have to be declared that it is an acceptable spot for a Police Van to park without the development of a hard standing. It is unknown how long this will take to process.

13. A621 – Collisions:

A report has been received from Dave Skinner and Ivan Kent regarding the A621, which has had around 37 injury accidents in the last 3 years (many of which have been motorcyclists). Ian Windmill has already assessed this road for possible mobile enforcement and deemed it unsuitable. It is a long road with many bends so not feasible. It was noted that it does fit the criteria for a fixed camera, but as there is no available power supply it is impossible to place a camera on this road. It was suggested that it might be a good spot for VAS placement. Paul stated that the more money that is spent on this road, the more accidents seem to occur i.e. making the road surface safer seems to encourage reckless driving.

14. City :

The CTO have received numerous complaints about Burton Road, Derby – 30mph sign from A5111 (ring road) Slip Road – joining Burton Road, now quite obscured by shrubbery. It was suggested that painting a 30mph limit onto road, or placing a 30mph roundel might help. Jon and Ian are to investigate the matter to see if they can make it more conspicuous, as although it meets all legal requirements, it still seems to be a problem for the motoring public.

Mobile – hard standings:

Opposite 992 London Road – Jon stated that this is private land, and believes that there would be little success in trying to gain permission from the company who's land it is (especially as parking the van would obscure the advertising boards). He also stated that Ian Windmill had previously confirmed that there were other appropriate places to park.

Uttoxeter Road (near to Albany Road junction). Jon is in the process of dealing with this, as it has not been clarified if it will obstruct a bus lane.

15. Any Other Business:

Classification of Speed:

Approval to circulate approved chart – Partners now in possession of a copy.

Vehicle Activated Signs:

Linton – Pete confirmed that Linton Parish Council wished to pay for a VAS site. The area is not suitable for camera enforcement, but Dave Skinner is to get a speed survey done to confirm that a speeding problem does exist. Alan stated that if it does meet the criteria, and the council are willing to pay for a VAS then the Partnership should assist with the siting of it.

Paul mentioned that in a recent meeting he attended, it was brought to his attention that poles/posts along the roadside of a 50mph or above speed limit zones are required to have a maximum size limit. If they are over the size limit then they need to be protected by safety measures such as crash barriers. This is due to the number of accidents that occur when vehicles collide with them.

Graham mentioned that the fixed camera site at Staveley has had studs placed on the road, as the previous markings on the anti-skid surface were difficult to see.

Graham also confirmed that the situation regarding the camera site that was obscuring a woman's house at Heanor has now been resolved. Shrubbery is to be planted around the site to appease her.

Jon mentioned that when dealing with casualty prevention sites, he is prepared to put speed check signs out, to highlight that there is camera enforcement.

16. Date of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 11th August 2004 – at 12.00pm - ***New Reception Room – Police HQ***