SAFETY CAMERA WORKING GROUP MEETING

MINUTES OF MEETING

Wednesday 26th February 2003

Police Headquarters – Central Ticket Office Conference Room

1. Attendance:

Pete Leigh	-	Derbyshire County Council
Paul Robinson	-	Derbyshire County Council
Graham Wheatley	-	Derbyshire County Council
Ian Butler	-	Derby City Council
Jon Pumfrey	-	Derby City Council
Gerry Goodman	-	Scott Wilson
Ben Cook	-	AMScott
Geoff Hall	-	Central Ticket Office Manager
Ellen Li	-	Police
Maggie Ward	-	Police

2. Apologies: Dank Tank (HA), Keith Sharples (AMScott), Philip Bellefontaine (County), Kevin Smith (Scott Wilson).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting:

The Minutes of the previous meeting of 26th November 2002 were read and agreed as a true and accurate record.

4. Matters Arising:

5. Site Selection 2003/2004:

Ellen produced the spreadsheet of all sites selected for 2003/2004, and now approved by Department for Transport. One mobile site, B5059 Dale Road, Buxton, is unsuitable for mobile enforcement. PA are to be consulted in the near future to check whether they will allow us to make this a fixed site.

6. Truvelo Cameras - New Sites 2002/3:

Maggie has met with Peter Hill, Inspector Paul Hawkins, John Shelton to discuss problems experienced with Truvelo equipment/sites. (see attached list).

John Shelton and Truvelo are working through the problems together. Their progress is being monitored to ensure that each site becomes operational as soon as possible.

Derby City Council have not yet pleased their order for 10 housings with Truvelo. It has been suggested that we await the progress of the above, and if necessary place an order with Serco for Gatso housings. Maggie is to discuss this with the “Finance” Partners next week.

Graham asked if County should pay the invoices from Truvelo, for the work undertaken. Maggie is also to take this to the "Finance" Partners meeting.

7. A5250 Burton Road Derby:

Jon Pumfrey informed the group that when City are ready to place the signs for the new fixed cameras, they will also move the signing at this site.

8. Mobile Operation

PC Paul Shelley has suggested one of the Mobile Operators attend HQ to demonstrate the equipment. The Partners can then discuss any queries on the mobile operation. Maggie has arranged for the officer/vehicle to attend HQ as a demonstration only, arranged for 19th March 2003 at10.00am. It was also felt that a Data Collection Officer (John Shelton) should be asked to attend for the same purpose. A site visit to the Gatso and Truvelo sites has also been arranged at the same time.

9. Hi-Stars – speed data collection:

Maggie updated the group regarding the meeting with Highway Care (Steve Powell) and Sergeant Paul Hawkins to discuss the BMF problems with the equipment. Steve has forwarded a letter he has submitted to BMF to say as far as the manufacturers are concerned there are no safety issues with the use of the equipment on the roads – copy letter distributed.

Steve Powell has also explained that Highway Care is moving on from their association with Nu-Metrics to expand their interest in other road safety equipment. A company called QTS Europe is to take over the support of the equipment, however, Highway Care will continue to support us throughout the next 12/18 months. A relationship with QTS has already been established with us.

10. Provision of Hatch Markings:

Maggie has received several requests from mobile officers to assist them in enforcing sites identified by the Partnership. Some sites are impossible to park the vehicle, and it was explained that it would be helpful if Partners could arrange for hatch markings to be painted at suitable sites, or provide some other facility to assist enforcement. The following sites have parking difficulties:

Dale Road, Buxton
A6 Doveholes
Abbey Street
A623 Stoney Middleton

The mobile officers are to forward site details where similar problems exist.

11. Justification of Housings:

Maggie raised that some locations where Truvelo are placing housings are now showing no great speed problem, i.e. A610 Ripley (Steam Mill Lane) – the group considered that work should continue and housings should be placed as originally agreed.

12. CTO suggestions:

Members of CTO regularly have suggestions for improving systems, suggestions are as follows:

On night shots, particularly when there is rain or spray from the road, it is difficult to see the road markings – is luminous paint used? The group is to consider improvements to the paint and report back to the next meeting.

Protection for Housings was also discussed. The Partnership are working with the Force Technical Support Unit who are providing surveillance at sites on Harvey Road, where paint has been sprayed onto the five housings. TSU have offered assistance at any other problem sites we may have. The results of their work with us is awaited.

13. Vandalism:

Maggie reminded the meeting of the Email regarding the Northants explosive device, and reinforced the message to be vigilant.

14. "City" Speed Humps:

This item was mentioned by Maggie and the way it is to be dealt with. Derbyshire Safety Camera Partnership is to undertake speed surveys only, speed enforcement is to be undertaken by Operations Division staff, not mobile safety camera team.

15. Analysis of Collisions from Commencement of Enforcement:

Ellen produced a spreadsheet showing result from when housings were erected to the present time. The results show a great reduction in casualties.

16. Result of Operational Case:

Maggie circulated an email regarding Vipin Goyal's visit (from PA Consulting). A copy letter received from Department for Transport accepting the Operational Case was also circulated.

Maggie reiterated that PA has instructed the Derbyshire Partnership to provide sites on red light violation, which MUST be researched immediately, with a view to implementation late 2003/2004.

The reduction of the enforcement threshold was also discussed, and Geoff outlined how it would be finalised to reach the ACPO threshold, commencing 1st March 2003, the last reduction would be on 1st October 2004, when we would be compliant.

16. Inter-Agency communication – roadworks / Hi-Star operation:

Steve Bowlzer (undertaking speed data collection) has asked if it was possible for the Partners to notify the Safety Camera Team when there is likely to be roadworks, as this had affected his schedule recently, and had done so in the past. (Roadworks which may conflict with speed surveys being undertaken, or mobile enforcement). The Partners agreed that it would pose no problems to notify the Partnership of any roadworks planned in Derbyshire.

17. Double Yellow Lines – Fixed Housings:

The Data Collection Officers have identified various Truvelo housings that are situated alongside where motorists park their vehicles. This means that CTO cannot view the registration numbers from the films, as the parked vehicles block the view – Maggie asked the group is it was feasible to have double yellow lines painted at some locations, or whether some other measure could be put in place to resolve the problem.

18. Signing – A610 Woodlinkin, Codnor:

Item raised by Dave Skinner – Dave has asked that the signing be removed until camera enforcement is sanctioned. Pete Leigh has noted this and will undertake having the signs removed.

19. **Any Other Business:**

a) Ellen Li: Ellen asked the Partners if signing had gone up on the A52, A6175, A623. The A52 was to be signed in 3 weeks time, and the A6175 and A623 was to be checked by Paul Robinson.
b) Ben Cook: Ben asked if signing differed in the Derbyshire Partnership, from HA to other Authorities. The signing in Derbyshire is similar to other Partnerships and does differ.
c) Gerry Goodman: The A6, S61 sites are waiting for reinstatement work to be completed – Gerry is liaising with Graham Wheatley and Peter Hill (Truvelo). Getting electric power to the sites is posing problems, whitelining will not be completed before the end of March.
d) Pete Leigh: Pete mentioned that the Boundary site which had been recently reduced from a 30mph to a 40mph road may be affected through local Councillors campaigning to get it reduced back to 30mph.

20. **Date of Next Meeting(s):**

Arranged for 16th April 2003, at 2.00pm, in CTO meeting room.

Demonstration of Mobile Cameras/Vans and visit to Gatso/Truvelo sites – Wednesday 19th March 2003 at 10.00am.