

Site Compliancy

Background

Assurances have been given by all of the highways authorities that their sites meet the legal requirements for the speed limit to be enforced due to regularity of street lighting, legally required signage, repeated where necessary and a legally enforceable road traffic order.

These assurances have been made as a blanket statement for each authority by email to the project manager.

The police or civilian technician on deployment checks for any legally required speed limit signs or repeater signs and for camera warning signs required by the scheme before making a site live.

Issue

Over the past 10 months there has been a proliferation of anti-camera websites and campaigns launched by certain media publications. Many of these offer advice to motorists regarding loopholes that may exist in the legality of the enforceable limit.

As a result the partnership is receiving an increasing number of site-specific queries regarding Road Traffic Order and signage.

There have also been incidents of members of the public removing speed limit signs and of erecting their own speed limit signs that are contrary to the enforceable limit.

Policy

Each highway authority is to provide a formal statement for each site to the effect that all signs are in place and the necessary Traffic Regulation Order (TRO) is in place to give a legally enforceable speed limit of (x) mph.

Specific request relating to the actual TRO will be passed to the highway authority concerned.