

Council policy for handling community requests for new Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs)

The town council currently operates several Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs) at various locations across the town in order to contribute to road and pedestrian safety. These devices are deployed with the permission of the Dorset Council, the highway authority for the area, and in accordance with Dorset Council's guidance note for community-owned SIDs.

This policy document sets out Weymouth Town Council's procedure for considering any requests for additional SID sites that may come forward from councillors or from the community.

Weymouth Town Council – policy for considering community request for additional locations for the deployment of a Speed Indicator Device

1. Any community requests for a new SID location will require the support of a local ward councillor.
2. If supported by the ward councillor, officers will consult with Dorset Council to ensure that the proposal meets the eligibility criteria as set out in Dorset Council's ***Speed Indicator Device (SID) Information Sheet for Local Communities***.
3. Dorset Council may decide that there is insufficient information to make a decision and that the town council needs to pay for a traffic survey at a cost of £250. Town council officers will then consult with the ward councillor as to whether this survey should be paid for in order to progress the issue.
4. If Dorset Council agrees that the location is suitable for the deployment of a SID, then officers will prepare a report for Services Committee setting out the following:
 - a) Details of the proposed location.
 - b) Details of Dorset Council's own assessment of the proposal.
 - c) Ward member's views.
 - d) Cost implications and impact on available budgets – both short-term and long-term.
 - e) Impact on staff resources and the council's capacity to manage additional devices.
 - f) Impact on the council's capacity to accommodate any further requests from other areas of the town.
5. If agreed, the request for funding may need to be referred to Finance & Governance Committee and, perhaps, Full Council.

6. If a Dorset Council's study of a location does not determine the requirement for a SID, then the request for this area will **not** be reconsidered by the town council within 24 months unless there is a significant change in circumstances.

In general terms, therefore, this policy seeks to balance community expectations with officer capacity, financial resources, and community benefit.

This policy was agreed by Weymouth Town Council's Services Committee on 13th April 2022.