Sturminster Newton Town Council
5th November 2020
Proposal to address Speeding in Sturminster Newton

1. **Introduction**

In December 2019 the Council resolved to commission speed surveys and to allocate funds in the 2020/21 budget for the purchase of a Speed Indicator Device (SID)

2. **Speed Surveys**

Following discussion with the Dorset Council Highways team it was agreed that speed surveys should be carried out in the following locations

- Bath Road
- Manston Road
- Newton
- A357 near the bridge

The surveys were delayed until September 2020 to allow traffic flows to resume to normal levels following the period of lockdown due to Covid – 19.
The survey results are summarised below:

Site 1, 3490, Newton Hill – Speed Limit 30mph.
This site **does** meet criteria for a SID, with an 85%ile of 38.5mph.

Site 2, 3491, Bath Road – Speed Limit 30mph
This site **does** meet criteria for a SID, with an 85%ile of 37.7mph.

Site 3, 3492, Manston Road – Speed Limit 30mph
This site **does** meet criteria for a SID, with an 85%ile of 36.0mph.

Site 4, 3493, A357 near the bridge – Speed Limit 30mph
This site **does** meet criteria for a SID, with an 85%ile of 36.0mph.

Dorset Council advise that three locations should be chosen for our scheme and the Highways team have recommended that posts are installed at Sites one to three. Whilst site four is eligible, traffic entering the town will slow down because of the proximity to the traffic lights. It should be noted that in all locations the SID will be facing traffic entering the town.

3. **Implementation**

The implementation cost of £4200 is included in the budget for this financial year. We have been advised that the lead time from order to implementation is eight weeks.

4. Recommendation

That the Town Council review the survey results and resolves to implement a Speed Indicator Scheme for Sturminster Newton.

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Town Clerk