

Arthington Parish Council

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### Speed Indication Device Application

We have recently asked about funding for a Solar Powered SID on Arthington Lane in the Parish of Arthington. We have backing from the local Police and Leeds City Council Highways saying this road is one of the "Main contenders" for a speed indication device.

This has been requested in response to some residents who, over many years, have made comments concerning the speed of traffic through our village. As we sit between the two bridges that span the river Wharfe the A659 is a very busy road. When either bridge across the River Wharfe at Harewood and Pool is out of action it becomes even busier.

When the police set up their speed checks on the road drivers slow down because they notice the vehicle, so if the police are aware of the problem then maybe a visual device would have the same effect.

We also have parents who walk their children to Pool Village School along Arthington Lane as there is no alternative route. If you see the speed of traffic, especially HGVs, as it passes the parents with pushchairs it can be quite alarming!

At certain times of the year when the hedgerows are overgrown, this reduces the amount of space on the pavement which then pushes pedestrians closer to the road and when you have large vehicles passing you this can become even more unnerving because of the speed they travel.

In the past this road has seen frequent accidents with some fatalities and though the speed limits that have been introduced have reduced this frequency it has not made it accident free. I appreciate that a SID will not stop accidents but it can make drivers more aware of what speed they may be travelling at and cause them to slow down even if it is only in the built-up areas along Arthington Lane.

We do have incidents where people Overtake on double white lines and anything to help drivers see the errors of their ways would obviously be a benefit.

Plus seeing a smiley face as you drive along is better than seeing a frown, and those with children in the car make the drivers slow down because they want to see a smiley FACE.

We hope that you will be able to support our application so that we can report back to our concerned residents that a Solar Powered Speed Indication Device will be installed in the village on Arthington Lane (A659) for our village to help keep the speed under control and lives SAFE.

As Arthington Parish Council only has a small precept for it to be funded by ourselves this would mean raising the precept to possibly twice what it currently is for at least the next two years.

Regards in road safety,

Ian Lister (Chairman Arthington Parish Council).

Neil O'Brien (Arthington Parish Councillor).