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**To:** CRW Recommendation from 2017  
**Subject:** FW: Constabulary Authorisation for the Use of Post-mounted SIDs 2019  
**Attachments:** Cambs Constabulary Speedwatch Equipment Specification June 2017.pdf;  
WAR-08-19-VRMNoted.pdf

**From:** MD Community Roadwatch  
**Sent:** 20 February 2019 11:09  
**To:** 'KERLIN, Victor 6815'  
**Cc:** 'VAJZOVIC, Dan 1418'  
**Subject:** Constabulary Authorisation for the Use of Post-mounted SIDs 2019

Dear Vic,

You may recall, in May 17, Community Roadwatch – using its vast kerbside experience since 2009 and in full support of Speedwatch - proposed that you, as the Senior Force Speedwatch Lead, permit the use of plain/simple post-mounted Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs) - with 10 day+ battery life - as an alternative to the special-to-type tripod-mounted SIDs internal 10 hour battery.

The proposal was based on the facts that:

- Parishes were being encouraged by the Constabulary and PCC, to purchase their own limited-use, special-to-Speedwatch, tripod-mounted SIDs @ almost £3k (funds that could otherwise be used towards obtaining permanent engineering measures) and
- CRW had discovered (and had it in writing from the manufacturer) that the specification, electronics and display size for each type of Westcotec SID were **identical** with just the battery casing sizes being different on the rear between its the mini-SID and the Speedwatch SID.

We reckoned that, apart from not leaving Parishes with a limited-use device (Speedwatch only), the 6 most obvious advantages of allowing plain post-mounted SIDs were:

1. **Simplicity of Operations** – the team could just turn up with tabards, signs, clipboards and a tally (no heavy lifting for older folk) and could be operating immediately (less time in the cold in winter too).
2. **Deterrence by Association** - All SIDs in the county – becoming prolific - could be perceived by drivers as being used by Speedwatch.
3. **Standard Accuracy** - The setup and head alignment, once set up properly by the village SID Support Team, is not different for each Speedwatch session and makes head alignment on rough/sloping ground an issue of the past.
4. **Resident Friendly** - Pavements would not be blocked by large-footprint tripods and drivers' views at junctions not obscured by SIDs.
5. **Stability** - SIDs would not get blown over by HGV bow waves.
6. **Less Constabulary responsibility (financial/management overhead) for SIDs** – because post-mounted SIDs would be purchased / maintained / moved by Parishes with them being funded normally via LHI.

Our May 17 proposal still stands and we left it with you looking into it though it was disappointing that immediately after submitting our recommendation Speedwatch issued a specification in June 17 that, reading between the lines, rejected it by emphasising that SIDs had to be tripod mounted (attached).

**Is there any progress or movement towards accepting post-mounted SIDs for Speedwatch please?**

Kind regards,  
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