

NYCC – Speeding Concerns email received on the 9th August 2021

We are receiving an increasing number of concerns relating to speeding vehicles from Town and Parish Councils. I thought it would be useful to provide details of how these concerns are dealt with in North Yorkshire. I appreciate that some people will be familiar with the process already but the links below will be interesting.

Speeding concerns are dealt with through the Speed Management Protocol (SMP) which is a function of the York and North Yorkshire Road Safety Partnership and is co-ordinated by North Yorkshire Police. Councils or residents can report speeding concerns to the Traffic Bureau at North Yorkshire Police using the attached form. If the site is suitable and has not been surveyed within the last three years, arrangements will be made for a data logger to be deployed to gather vehicle speeds. The data logger is usually in place for a period of seven days and it does not record individual vehicle details. Whilst this is taking place the police will study the collision data for the area looking for any speed related injury collisions that may have taken place along the stretch of road in question.

Based on the available speed data and the speed related injury collision record, each location is then categorised using a scale of 1 to 4, with 1 being the highest priority. The table below details each category;

Category	Speeds	Casualties	Priority
1	High (meets or exceeds the threshold for action)	High	Very high
2	Low	High	High
3	High	Low	Medium
4	Low	Low / None	Low

Police enforcement isn't always appropriate, depending on the review of all the information gathered. However, if the location is considered suitable for enforcement then it is passed to the relevant police team who will decide independently what the appropriate type of enforcement should be. Once a course of action is agreed by the police and implemented, or if no further action is to be taken, a letter will be sent to the complainant.

The links below will take you to the relevant sections of the North Yorkshire Police website.

<https://northyorkshire.police.uk/do-it-online/report-it/road-policing/traffic-bureau/>

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This second link takes you to the Safety Camera Data Log where you can see the results of the enforcement activities that have taken place.