

# (AMENDED)

Committee:

**Engagement and Environment Committee** 

Date:

Thursday 25th October 2018

Agenda Item:

32. Vehicle Activated Signs

## 1. Purpose

Report following the resolution passed by Engagement & Environment Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 on Vehicle Activated Signs.

## 2. Background

- 2.1 Following feedback from local residents regarding speeding on Main Road, Engagement and Environment Committee considered Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) for Main Road and other parts of Duston.
- 2.2 Northamptonshire County Council currently have a "Self-purchase Vehicle Activated Sign (VAS) Scheme for parish councils". Steve Barber, from Northamptonshire County Council, attended the Engagement and Environment Committee on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2018 and gave a presentation about the scheme.
- 2.3 Using Highways data they have recommended choosing the following locations in Duston for VAS:

Main Road – Junction with Grafton Way

Main Road - Outside House no 268a

Main Road - Opposite Eldean Road

Main Road - Opposite House No 188

Main Road - Adjacent House No 252

Main Road - Adjacent House No 140

Main Road - Adjacent House No 162

Main Road - Adjacent House No 141

Main Road – Adjacent junction with Berrywood Rd

Main Road - Opposite House No 46

Main Road - Adjacent House no 69

Main Road - Adjacent Meeting Lane

Berrywood Road - Adjacent Vets Surgery

Berrywood Road - A short distance Kent Road side of House No 15

Berrywood Road - Adjacent School, Berrywood Road - Adjacent School

Berrywood Road - Adjacent Weggs Farm Road

#### 3. Issues

- 3.1 Equipment to be purchased by Duston Parish Council:
  - 2 Vehicle Activated Signs
  - 2 Spare Batteries

**Battery Charger** 

Mounting Points for 17 locations

Ancillary software and electronics

Maintenance & Additional Warranty Costs

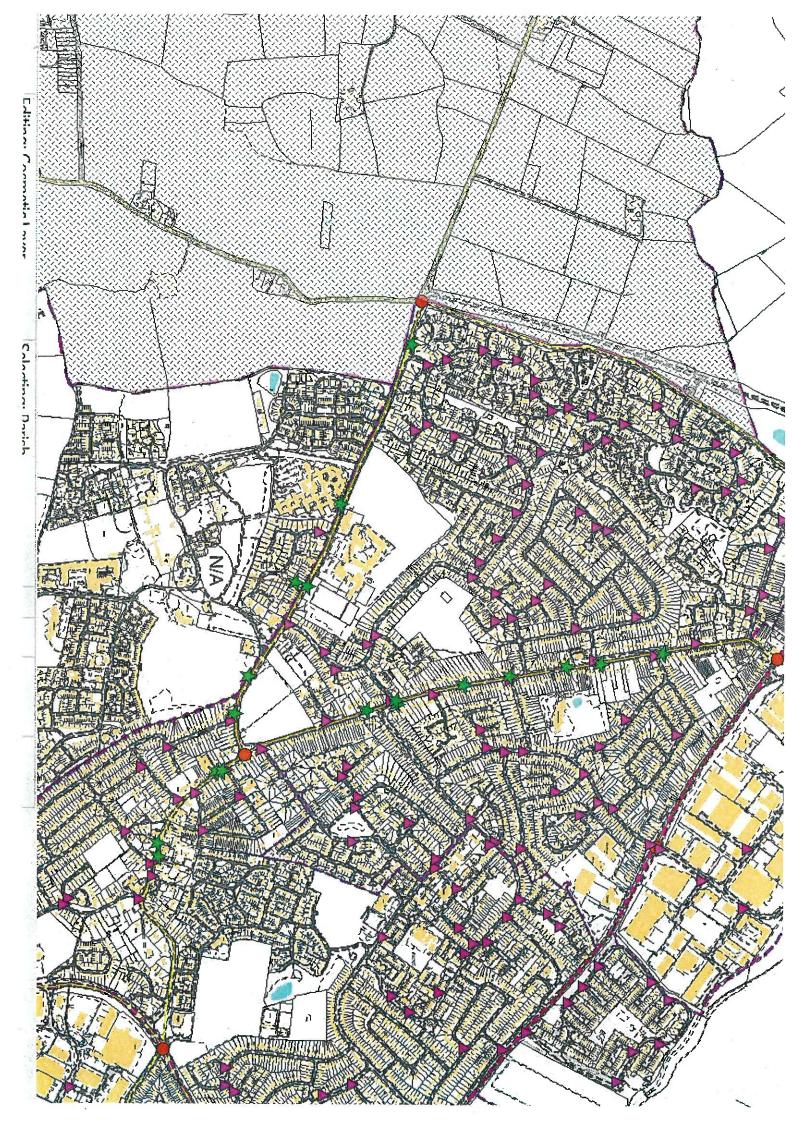
Officers have obtained three quotes in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations, which range between £5,522 - £ £7,034.37 + VAT.

- 3.2 To carry out this function Duston Parish Council needs to complete a Section 50 notice and pay a fee of £300.
- 3.3 By moving the sign around village drivers do not become indifferent about it as can happen with fixed signs. This would encourage safer driving and improve road safety in Duston.
- 3.4 Duston Parish Council could consider rolling out VAS to other parts of the Parish in the future at a cost of between £27 to £57 depending on suppliers.

#### 4. Recommendations

The Council is recommended to AGREE:

Purchase two mobile Vehicle Activation Signs (with extended life battery) to place in various locations, as stated in 2.3, within the civil parish of Duston. Two signs would give more scope for it to be rolled out in other parts of Duston in the future.



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