

CONGLETON TOWN COUNCIL

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND UPDATES

COMMITTEE:	Community Committee		
MEETING DATE AND TIME	29 January 2025 7 pm	LOCATION	Congleton Town Hall
REPORT FROM	Cathy Dean – Communities Manager		
AGENDA ITEM REPORT TITLE	14 Speed Indication Device		
Background	<p>Road Safety is a Cheshire East function, and speeding is a criminal offence dealt with by the Police, but Cheshire East Council no longer provides Speed Indicator Devices (SIDs), as this responsibility has now been passed to Town and Parish Councils</p> <p>CTC/38/2526 – Council 23rd October 2025 agreed to purchase a SID for £3052.74, which includes a 24-month 4G contract from Ear Marked Reserve 324 Crime Prevention/Traffic Calming.</p> <p>The SID was installed on Manchester Road on an existing pole via Streetscape on the 18th November 2025, with an expectation to move the SID to two new poles on Newcastle Road once installed.</p> <p>Data from the last month is displayed below. The maximum speed recorded was 71mph, average speed is 25mph.</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;"> <p style="color: blue;">Monitoring of statistics From Friday, 19 December 2025 to Monday, 19 January 2026</p> <p>Maximum speed</p> <p style="font-size: small;">Interval TD 1W 1M 3M 6M Year ALL From 2025-12-19 To 2026-01-19</p> <p style="font-size: x-small;">Ingoing max speed 71 mph Outgoing max speed 55 mph Columns Lines Area</p> </div>		

Summary

A resident has written to Congleton Town Council to raise concerns about speeding cars:

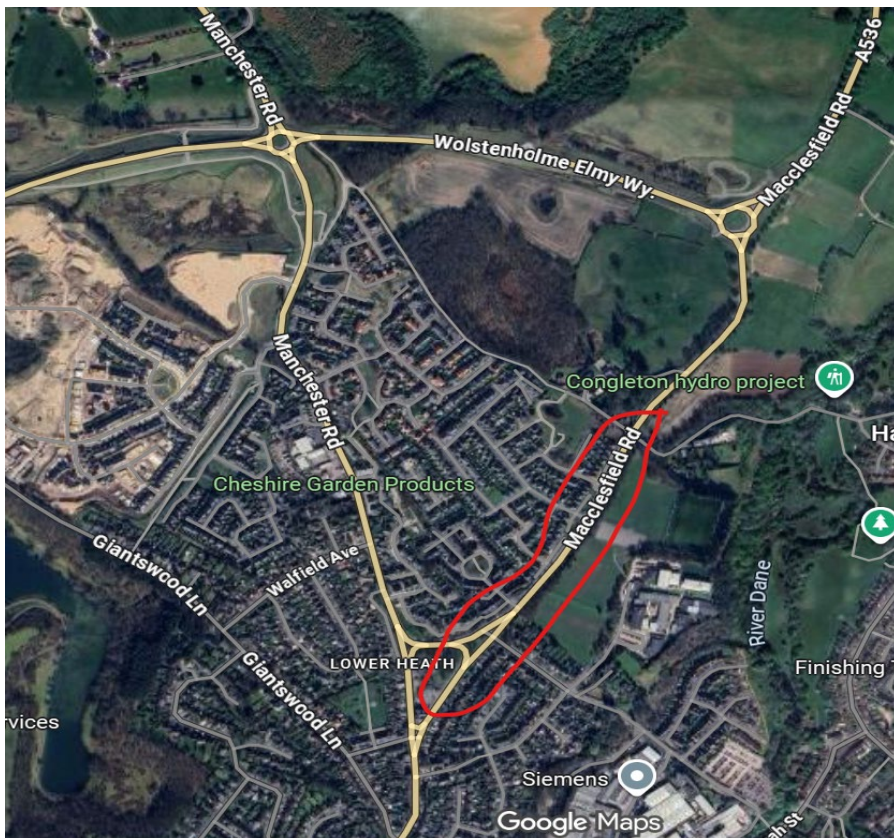
“Please can I ask that the traffic speed on Macclesfield Road in Congleton coming in from Eaton is monitored with a view to a speed camera being added just after the entrance to Jackson Road to finally deter and catch speeding cars.

Daytime and evening people constantly flout the 30mph limit and it’s enough. I have raised this in previous years and had some temporary warning signs and they never bothered beyond that.

I see Manchester Road has a sign which is going out of Congleton so I never understood why they haven’t been as bothered about the speed people are entering our town at.”

Cheshire East stated that on this stretch of road in recent years, “the 30mph speed limit along this section of road has been extended further east, and additional repeater signs and SLOW markings have been installed.”

A speed camera is out of Congleton Town Council's remit, but we can monitor speeds via a SID device.



A formal request can be made to the Cheshire East Road Safety Team to assess Macclesfield Road for the location of the SID, with a view to being able to move one device between Manchester Road, Macclesfield Road and the two poles on Newcastle Road (once installed).

	<p>Cllr Seddon has requested that Congleton Town Council consider purchasing a second device to monitor these locations. There is £1300 available in Traffic Calming reserves, and £1500 would need to be sourced from Capital Contingency.</p>
Financial Implications	<p>The capital cost to purchase a SID would be between £3500-£4500, with ongoing costs of data, installation and licensing depending on relocation of the device.</p> <p>Depending on the assessment of Macclesfield Road, there may be a cost of installation of a pole.</p>
Environmental Implications	<p>Solar-powered models are ideal for the environment. They minimise maintenance and keep operating costs low.</p>
Equality and Diversity	<p>The product is aimed at reducing speeds, which has positive benefits for all sectors of our community, but especially for pedestrians and cyclists. Eaton Bank Academy is in the immediate vicinity of Macclesfield Road, with many students having to cross this stretch of road.</p>
Decision Requested	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To make a formal request to the Cheshire East Road Safety Team to assess Macclesfield Road for the location of a SID. 2. Use the existing SID device to monitor this location, moving the device between 4 locations during a 12-month period. <p>OR</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Recommend the purchase of a second solar-powered Speed Indicator Device (SID) with data-logging capability, within a budget of £3500. Instruct officers to source 3 quotes to ensure the best value to approve at full Council.