

# MEMBER'S WRITTEN QUESTION



Member submitting the question: Cllr Chris Wood

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Question: To Mark Coker- Millbridge Traffic Scheme. 1. 'Why has the council not painted all the camera poles yellow inline with standardised methodology applied to other cameras in the city' 2. 'Why has the council chosen to locate, or hide, a camera directly behind the Railway Bridge in Stuart Road out of sight of travelling public?' 3. 'What is the total cost of individual cameras, including maintenance, signage and operational costs over a 12-month period?' 4. 'What is the expected revenue for the scheme over a 12- month period?'

Answer:

1. Cameras on individual columns are painted yellow. Where the camera is affixed to a Lamp Column, the Lamp Column may be painted yellow at its base but it is more usual to apply yellow banding to the columns. This has been the approach with the latest cameras installed in the Stoke area and was also the system used for the Old Laira Rd scheme installed in 2022.
2. The Camera in question is clearly visible on both approaches and it was observed on site, on 10/04/25, that even though the Camera is not yet in operation and the Speed Limit and Camera Warning Signage not yet in place, drivers were noticeably reducing their speed on approaching the Camera from both directions indicating that it is visible. Pictures Below illustrate.
3. The system was purchased from the Police at a cost of Approx. £123,000. Individual pricing of cameras is commercially sensitive and not available. The Estimated Costs of signing and Lining the Speed Limit are as follows.

Temporary Advanced Warning Signs	£ 835
20mph Road Signage	£ 6,038
20mph Road Markings	£ 17,646
Total	£ 24,519

There are no expected maintenance costs for the signing in the first year. Signing of this type usually lasts in the region of 20 years. Road markings are expensive to install for individual

schemes because of the costs of Traffic Control. The type of material to be used will last at least 5 years and will be replaced under routine maintenance as and when required.

Operational Costs and maintenance of the Cameras will be covered by Devon and Cornwall Police

4. No revenue from the Cameras will accrue to Plymouth City Council. Any Revenue will be allocated to the Police who will operate the system or to the Exchequer depending on the level of offence detected. There is no expected level of Revenue at this point but it is expected to be low as Average Speed Camera Systems are extremely successful in controlling speed and in reducing injury collisions.

Signed:



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