

# **Press Release**

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## **Government Plans To Change Speed Camera Laws Welcomed By Local Safety Campaigner**

News that the Government is considering police demands for more freedom in the siting of mobile speed cameras has this week been welcomed by a leading local road safety campaigner.

Liberal Democrat Councillor Barry Stamp, who has long been campaigning to reduce excess speeds on Stafford's roads said he pleased that the plan to site cameras in locations other than those where fatal accidents had occurred was activity being considered.

“Over the last few years I have been campaigning to get traffic speeds reduced on many roads in the Stafford area. Talking to local people about excess traffic speeds nearly always ends in a discussion about the possibility of putting in speed cameras. Unfortunately under current rules this is only possible if a fatality has already occurred on the stretch of road in question. However it now appears that following pressure from the Association of Chief Police Officers the Government is now considering changing this rule to allow cameras to be sited on roads up to 20Km away from accident sites. This will be welcomed by many local communities who have been told by the County Council, that as no one as been killed in their village, they do not meet the criteria for having a speed camera installed. Official Government figures show that in the last year there was over 3500 road deaths, which is an increase on the year before. While I realise some people think that speed cameras are only installed to raise money it has to be remembered the only people they catch are those who are breaking the law by speeding. I welcome this news and will be monitoring the situation closely. As soon as the rules change I will be asking the County Council to reconsider the requests from Haughton, Gnosall, Woodseaves, and Great Bridgeford and will be urging them to install speed cameras in these villages as soon as possible,” said Cllr Stamp.

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