

DS.320

Speed camera signage

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1. Introduction

1.1 Notes

- a. This standard explains requirements about the appearance and signing of speed camera installations. It is principally concerned with reducing street clutter. It does not consider when speed cameras should be introduced. For details of the Highway Authority's policy on the introduction of speed cameras, see the Southwark Network Management Policy.
- b. See standard DS.900 for definitions of terms used in this design standard. Note in particular the definitions for 'should', 'will', 'may', 'level 1 departure', 'level 2 departure' and 'approving officer' as used to describe requirements.
- c. See standard DS.300 for general requirements on the use of traffic signs and road markings, including sign sizes, lighting requirements and the use of sign backing boards.

1.2 Discussion

- a. Speed cameras may be introduced from time to time to help address road safety issues. Typically, speed cameras consist of a relatively large 'box' like structure mounted on a substantial post (though new types and designs of cameras are now becoming available). In the past, substantial measures have been applied both to cameras and the streetscapes around them to make approaching road users aware of their presence. These include the introduction of upright traffic signs advising that there will be speed cameras operating ahead and the application to cameras themselves of bright yellow panelling. These measures introduce substantial visual clutter in the streetscape. As with many instances of clutter, there is no regulatory requirement to provide them. As such, their introduction is best avoided.

2. Requirements

2.1 Use requirements

- a. As discussed in section 1, it is not the purpose of this design standard to explain when speed cameras should be introduced – only to set out requirements in relation to signing of these features and their general appearance. For details of the Highway Authority's policy on introducing speed cameras see the Southwark Network Management Policy.

2.2 Design requirements

Appearance of cameras

- a. Cameras and their posts are to be finished in the area standard colour for the specification area in which they are found. See standard DS.124 for details of what these are. No yellow retroreflective conspicuity panelling or other such surface should be applied to the camera. Existing installations found in scheme areas should be updated in accordance with these requirements.

Signage of cameras

- b. No diagram 878 or 879 'speed camera' sign or any non-prescribed sign to warn of the presence of average speed checks should be introduced (though see note). Existing installations should be removed.

Note: Where carrying out spot camera enforcement using mobile vehicles with cameras attached, temporary diagram 878 or 879 'speed camera' signs shall be fixed to existing posts or columns. These shall be removed at the end of the enforcement period.