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Sustainable Traffic and Transport Parking Plan – Launch of Speed Cameras

Her Majesty's Government of Gibraltar is pleased to announce the launch of its Static Speed Camera Infrastructure.

Statistics show that speed limits are constantly being exceeded throughout many roads in Gibraltar, with areas of concern being Devil's Tower Road, Rosia Road, and Europa Advance Road among others.

As part of the Sustainable Traffic, Transport, and Parking Plan, HM Government of Gibraltar has already put in place some speed management measures by way of electronic speed display signs. These have been installed at various speeding hotspots.

In conjunction with this initiative, speed limit road markings have recently been painted on approach to the speed cameras to further alert road users of the maximum permitted speed.

As from Thursday 20th April, the Government will take this initiative a stage further with the introduction of speed cameras. These are fixed devices that have been set up, as a Pilot first phase, at Devil's Tower Road, Europa Advance Road and Rosia Road. These fixed cameras will complement the mobile devices currently used by the Royal Gibraltar Police.

A campaign to raise awareness will take place during the first two weeks of the scheme.

All speeding offences captured by these devices will be transmitted on-line in real time mode to inform the offices of Gibraltar Car Parks Limited (GCPL). A Notice of Intended Prosecution (NIP) will then be issued and sent by registered mail to the registered owner of the vehicle. This will notify the owner of the intention to commence legal proceedings for the alleged offence of speeding. The owner must then reply to GCPL within 28 days providing the full name and address of the driver of the vehicle at the date and time of the offence.

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Offences may be dealt with by way of a Conditional Offer of a Fixed Penalty Notice which will be sent by registered mail to the driver as declared by the owner of the offending vehicle. This allows the matter to be concluded through payment of a fixed penalty of £100, at which time liability of conviction for the offence is discharged. Should the offender fail to accept the Conditional Offer, GCPL will submit a report detailing the full circumstances of the case to the courts and a summons will be issued.

This scheme has required changes to be made to the *Traffic Act 2005* and subsidiary legislation. Last October Parliament approved changes to the Act and today, with the publication of subsidiary legislation the legislative package has been completed.

Road users are reminded that the speed limit in Gibraltar unless otherwise stated is 50km/h, and 35km/h for Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) and Public Service Vehicles (PSVs – Buses).

The Minister with responsibility for Traffic, the Hon. Paul Balban said:

“I am delighted to be able to announce today the commencement of our Speed Camera initiative as part of the ambit of the Sustainable Traffic, Transport and Parking Plan. The cameras will be a valuable deterrent and help control speed on our roads and hence reducing risk to both road users and pedestrians alike from the consequences of speed related accidents. Furthermore, a reduction in speed has positive effects on the environment helping to reduce noise pollution and emissions. The initiative, which forms part of a pilot scheme will be monitored and tested to see how best to proceed with HMGoG’s speed campaign in the near future. I would like to thank the RGP for their support and input in this project. I would also like to thank especially the staff at IT&LD & GCPL for their painstaking commitment in ensuring that this, most technically complex project is a success.”