

# **Replacement Batteries for Walberswick Speed Cameras (SID's)**

## **Proposal for approval of WPC – May 2026**

### **Background:**

As previously resolved by WPC, during 2026 we plan to replace the SID coming into the village with a solar-powered version. This is currently awaiting:

- 1) **Locality funds from our County Council** – agreed with Richard Smith, but then Council went into purdah
- 2) **Agreement with Highways** – The current post used is not substantial enough for the new unit, so needs to be replaced and we need clarification if Highways will allow us to do this, or insist on doing it themselves

It is envisaged that the second unit (half way down the village) will remain battery powered as now, so that it can remain mobile

### **Need for New Batteries:**

The existing three lead-acid batteries we own have done long service and are now coming to their end of life; they are now only lasting about 2 days. The group of people willing to change the batteries is very small, making the whole thing very onerous.

The replacement solar unit is realistically several months or more from arriving and we will still need batteries for the second SID for the long-term

### **Proposal:**

WPC fund the purchase of 2 replacement batteries at a total cost of £74.95 each (+ VAT, but we can re-claim that) = £149.90