Frequently Asked Questions

Why is SCC taking on these enforcement powers?

SCC are applying to take on these enforcement powers to improve Sheffield's road network. South Yorkshire Police currently enforce moving traffic offences, and this will allow them to focus on other policing priorities. Each site to be enforced must help achieve at least one of the following objectives:

- improve road safety
- tackle network congestion
- increase public transport reliability
- improve air quality
- increase lifespan of highway assets.

How will SCC decide which sites are most important to enforce?

There will be a robust decision-making process in place to ensure that each site is chosen on the merits of how it will improve the area if traffic contraventions are enforced. SCC will take a consistent and measured approach to enforcement, choosing sites where an absolute need has been identified by implementing a robust decision-making process to ensure each site is chosen on the merits of how it will improve the area if traffic contraventions are enforced. For example, using collision data to improve road safety and reduce crashes, or at proven congested areas resulting in a positive impact on the efficiency of the public transport network in Sheffield.

Why aren't SCC enforcing at every junction in Sheffield?

Not every junction will be suitable or needed at every site. Introducing Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras and issuing Penalty Charge Notices (PCNs) are the last line of defence to get drivers to comply with signs or restrictions.

Will there be more sits in the future?

It is envisaged that SCC's role in enforcement will be rolled out to more sites from 2023 onwards.

How do I propose a future site for enforcement?

If SCC has been granted the powers, we will provide a way for people to propose site.

How can I comment on the sites you are proposing to enforce?

Respond online by 31st December 2023 - The seven-week consultation is open until midnight on 31st December 2022. You can tell us what you think of the proposals online via the <u>Connecting Sheffield</u> <u>Website: Have Your Say Today - Connecting Sheffield - Commonplace</u>

You can also email your response directly to Sheffield City Council using the email address: <u>info@connecting-sheffield.co.uk</u>. Anyone requiring a paper copy of the response should contact the freephone telephone number, 0808196 5105. Or write to us at: Freepost Connecting SHF

Will SCC make any money from this?

Making money is not an aim of enforcing moving traffic violations. We are applying for these powers to make a difference to the highway network, and not as a source of financial income. We hope that better enforcement will help improve the compliance at these sites to make the necessary safety,

congestion, and public transport improvements. As compliance improves, the number of Penalty Charge Notices will hopefully fall.

What will SCC do with the income generated by fines?

Should there be any money left over once the operational costs have been met, this will be used for highway improvement projects in line with strict government guidance. This funding will only be granted to projects that that help achieve one of the following objectives:

- improve road safety
- tackle network congestion
- increase public transport reliability
- improve air quality
- increase lifespan of highway assets

When will SCC start enforcing?

The start date is dependent on the legislation and the parliamentary timeline. It is estimated that the enforcement powers will come into effect in 2023. This will also be dependent on funding availability and procurement processes.

Will drivers of foreign registered vehicles have to pay the Penalty Charge Notices they receive whilst driving through Sheffield?

Yes. All users of Sheffield roads will be treated equally, and drivers of vehicles – including HGVs – that are registered outside of the UK will be held accountable to the same laws and enforcement rules as Sheffield residents.

Enforcement at a site may lead to vehicles finding other routes to avoid restrictions. This could have an impact on other roads. Will SCC take this into account?

Yes. However, the restriction being enforced are not new restrictions and these should be lawfully adhered to. Every site and its surroundings will be assessed prior to any enforcement being introduced. The impact of the enforcement on other routes will be considered.