

## **NEWS**

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### **“Lights turn Red for speeding drivers”**

The [Daily Mail](#) reported that Camden is installing signals which are triggered by speeding vehicles forcing them to stop. Not quite true – they are installing a green wave but it called up a previous IHIE proposal.

IHIE first proposed this be trialled in evidence to the Commons Select Committee in 2002. The Committee was interested enough to ask for verbal evidence and to refer favourably to the proposal in its report.

‘We know the idea is controversial. Many current signals are set to stay green longer to avoid panic braking but turning them red could be safer as drivers learn that to obeying the speed limit aids their journey. It works in Spain so lets at least trial the idea to see what happens here’, said IHIE Secretary, Judith Walker.

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#### **Notes for Editors**

1. Daily Mail, 9 October 2008-10-13

*‘Electronic signs that sense when a car is speeding and switch traffic lights further down the road to red, forcing it to stop, are to be introduced in Britain. The system, already in use as a traffic calming measure in Spain, will be installed on Camden High Street in North London’*

<http://www.dailymail.co.uk/news/article-1074351/No-escape-new-generation-speed-cameras-follow-30-miles.html>

2. IHIE is the professional qualifying institution for specialist engineers (CEng, IEng and Eng Tech) delivering sustainable transport in the UK.

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