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ROAD safety chiefs have ordered a fake speed camera to be taken down – because it could cause accidents.

Now motorists are claiming a victory in the war on Gatsos. They say the decision is an admission that the real cameras are dangerous too.

Critics have long claimed the speed traps are just a money-making scam which act as a distraction to drivers.

It appears their concerns have now been accepted by the boss responsible for erecting the cameras in one region.

The imitation camera was put up by East Anglia fisherman Jim Lingwood in his garden to slow down drivers passing his rural property where accidents have occurred.

It looks exactly like the real thing – and he also erected warning signs just like those seen in advance of the genuine cameras.

He was stunned when local road safety chiefs ordered him to take it down, claiming it could cause an accident by forcing drivers to slam on their brakes.

Motoring campaigners have seized on the comments as evidence that genuine speed cameras are also dangerous – and do nothing to improve road safety.

Mr Lingwood, 49, erected the fake camera – using a painted bird box and a jam jar – outside his home in Sheringham, Norfolk, because he was worried about how fast motorists were

By Martin

travelling play. He said he won't lower the speed limit wanted to

But Norfolk Partnership the placement of the cameras in the area, said because it

Its spokesman said: "Drivers distracted while driving have a negative effect on

He claimed it is safer because of the well-placed

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