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Reducing speed limit to 20mph on restricted roads

Consultation on the proposal to introduce a default 20mph speed limit on restricted roads in Wales

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This document is also available in Welsh.

Overview	We want your views on the proposal to introduce a 20mph speed limit on restricted roads in Wales.
How to respond	Respondents can complete the public consultation via the online survey or download the survey from the website and return via Freepost
Further information and related documents	<p>Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.</p> <p>Traffic Orders and 20mph Public Attitudes Survey Report (Beaufort Research); 20mph Taskforce Report; Welsh Government Response to 20mph Taskforce Report, 20's the limit: How to encourage speed reductions</p>
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Also available in Welsh at:	https://llyw.cymru/gostwng-terfyn-cyflymder-i-20mya-ar-ffyrdd-cyfngedig

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The Welsh Government will be data controller for any personal data you provide as part of your response to the consultation. Welsh Ministers have statutory powers they will rely on to process this personal data which will enable them to make informed decisions about how they exercise their public functions. Any response you send us will be seen in full by Welsh Government staff dealing with the issues which this consultation is about or planning future consultations. Where the Welsh Government undertakes further analysis of consultation responses then this work may be commissioned to be carried out by an accredited third party (e.g. a research organisation or a consultancy company). Any such work will only be undertaken under contract. Welsh Government's standard terms and conditions for such contracts set out strict requirements for the processing and safekeeping of personal data.

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Introduction

On 7 May 2019 the First Minister in the Senedd Mark Drakeford said:

‘We know that 20mph zones reduce speed of traffic, reduce accidents – particularly accidents to children– and we want to see that become the default position right across Wales.’

Following this, the Wales 20mph Taskforce Group was formed on the direction of Lee Waters, the Deputy Minister for Economy and Transport, in May 2019.

The 20mph Taskforce Group published a report in October 2020, which made 21 recommendations for the rollout of the 20mph default national speed limit on restricted roads. All were accepted by the Welsh Government. Restricted roads are defined as roads on which are provided a system of street lighting furnished by means of lamps placed not more than 200 yards apart. They are typically located in residential and built-up areas of high pedestrian activity in Wales. The default national speed limit for such roads is currently 30mph, although local authorities can use traffic regulation orders to set another speed limit in appropriate cases. A debate was held in the Senedd on the 15th July 2020 which resulted in a vote to support the Welsh Government’s intention to commence the speed limit reform process, which received a large majority in favour of the proposal.

The Welsh Government commissioned Beaufort Research to assess public attitudes towards introducing a 20mph default speed on restricted roads in Wales. In November 2020, they conducted a survey of 1000 people and over across Wales. The results have now been published. [Traffic Orders and 20mph public attitudes survey](#).

We now seek your views on the proposals and would be grateful for your opinions by completing the following survey.

Public consultation

This Consultation will present information and evidence supporting the benefits of reduced speeds on restricted roads to road safety and to our communities. By completing the survey either online or printed, this is an opportunity for everyone in Wales to be involved and express their opinions about this policy.

**Consultation
Response Form**

Your name:

Organisation (if applicable):

email / telephone number:

Your address:

Q1: Do you feel there is a need to reduce speed limits on restricted roads?

Yes / No / Don't know

Q2: How concerned would you say you are, if at all, about the following issues where you live? (Very concerned / fairly concerned / not very concerned / not at all concerned / don't know)

- i) Cars or other vehicles driving too fast generally
- ii) Cars or other vehicles driving too fast near schools
- iii) Cars or other vehicles driving too fast around areas where there are a lot of pedestrians
- iv) Cars or other vehicles parked on pavements
- v) Roads not safe for cyclists
- vi) Children being involved in an accident
- vii) Not enough facilities for cycling
- viii) Difficult to cross the road safely
- ix) Poor air quality / vehicle emissions
- x) Roads not safe for people with impairments

Q3: How safe do you feel when doing the following where you live?

(Very safe / somewhat safe / not very safe / not at all safe/ don't know / not applicable)

- i) Walking in your local area
- ii) Cycling on local roads
- iii) Walking/cycling to the bus stop or train station
- iv) Crossing the road

Q4: Do you have school aged children? YES/NO

If NOT go to Q5

Would you and your children walk/cycle/scoot to school more often if the speed limit on restricted roads was reduced to 20mph?

YES / NO / Don't know

Q5: The Welsh Government is proposing to reduce the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph on restricted roads, which are generally located in residential communities and built-up areas across Wales.

What's your view on this idea?

Strongly in favour Go to **Q6**

Slightly in favour Go to **Q6**

Slightly against Go to **Q7**

Strongly against Go to **Q7**

Don't know Go to **Q8**

Q6: Here are some reasons why people might support 20mph speed limits on restricted roads. Which of these, if any, do you agree with?

Tick all that apply:

- i) Encourages more walking and cycling
- ii) Improves the quality of life
- iii) Improves traffic flow
- iv) Makes it safer for cyclists
- v) Makes it safer for pedestrians
- vi) Makes streets more pleasant to live in
- vii) Means children can play more safely
- viii) Means fewer serious collisions on the roads
- ix) Reduces noise
- x) Reduces air pollution
- xi) Reduces risk of fatal accidents
- xii) Improves physical and mental health
- xiii) Makes it easier for people to meet up

Q7: Here are some reasons why people might oppose 20mph speed limits on restricted roads. Which of these, if any, do you agree with?

- i) Increases accidents
- ii) Increases congestion
- iii) Increases pollution
- iv) Makes journey times longer

- v) Makes the quality of life worse
- vi) May be ignored by many drivers
- vii) May not be policed and enforced effectively
- viii) Would annoy drivers
- ix) Would not make any difference to cyclists' safety
- x) Would not make any difference to pedestrians' safety

Q8: What difference would 20mph speed limits on restricted roads make to you personally? Would they make you more likely to do the following?

- i) Walk more YES/NO
- ii) Drive more YES/NO
- iii) Cycle or Scooter YES/NO
- iii) Use public transport YES/NO
- iv) Other. Please specify _____

Q.9: Do you think a 20mph speed limit on restricted roads would have a positive impact the following:

- i) Older people; YES/NO
- ii) Those with physical impairments; YES/NO
- iii) Those with sensory impairments (visual, hearing); YES/NO
- iv) Pregnant women YES/NO

Q10: How do you think the 20mph speed limit on restricted roads would impact the following businesses (very positive/ somewhat positive/ neutral/ somewhat negative/ very negative):

- i) Local "high street" businesses (shops, cafes, pubs, other customer-facing organisations);
- ii) Businesses in the area using the road network for access or deliveries
- III) Road maintenance and utility (electricity, gas, water, communications) companies requiring access to work on the road

Q11: How old are you?

16-24years old

25-34 years old

35-44 years old

45-65 years old

65 + years old

Prefer not to say

Q12: Do you have, or do you consider yourself to have, an impairment or health condition?

Yes

No

Prefer not to say

Q 13: What impact would introducing a 20mph default speed limit on restricted roads in Wales have on the Welsh language?

Positive / Negative / No impact / Don't know

If you feel it would impact the Welsh language negatively or positively, in what way would it impact?

Write your answer here:

Q14: Have you seen or heard any marketing, communications or advertising recently about the proposal to reduce the speed limit on restricted roads to 20mph in Wales?

Yes / No

Q15: How often do you do each of these things?

- (At least once a day / At least once a week / Less often / Never)
- Read a national (UK) newspaper (online or paper)
- Read a national (Wales) newspaper (online or paper)
- Read a local newspaper (online or paper)
- Listen to a radio station
- Watch BBC TV
- Watch TV advert
- Use Facebook
- Use Twitter

Question A: We are under a duty to consider the effects of our policy decisions on the Welsh language, under the requirements of the Welsh Language (Wales) Measure 2011.

We would like to know your views on the effects the proposals would have on the Welsh language, specifically on opportunities for people to use Welsh and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than English.

What effects do you think there would be? How could positive effects be increased, or negative effects be mitigated?

Question B: Please also explain how you believe the proposals could be formulated or changed so as to have positive effects or increased positive effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language, and no adverse effects on opportunities for people to use the Welsh language and on treating the Welsh language no less favourably than the English language.

Question 18: We have asked a number of specific questions. If you have any related issues which we have not specifically addressed, please use this space to report them:

Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here