

Request for Information – ATISN 19487

Thank you for your request for information dated 17 April regarding the 20mph limit.

Information requested

1. What the current total stands at for implementing the 20mph.
2. What the total cost was to implement per road, prior to the additional legislation?
3. The total costs to revert a single road back to 30 mph from 20.
4. Evidence that shows that the costs for both scenarios were considered when deciding that this was an appropriate use of public funds and that it's implementation was not contrary to utilising the less restrictive original legislation before deciding to bring in further, more restrictive legislation.
5. Any further relevant information you hold that may back up this claim that it was a better use of public funds.

Our response

1. As noted in our previous response(ATISN 20370) - the amount spent on the implementation of 20mph to the end of January was £13,822,167.96. We don't currently have the updated total amount spent on 20mph.
2. As noted in our previous response(ATISN 20370) - the cost of Traffic Regulation Orders will vary according to the highway authority. The number of traffic regulation orders needed on one road will also vary. We therefore do not have the information that you are requesting.
3. As noted in our previous response(ATISN 20370) - a Regulatory Impact Assessment containing information on the likely costs, benefits and risks associated with alternative policy options was published with the Statutory Instrument in July 2022. An Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) was also produced to consider the social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of the policy. This was published on 29 February 2024.
4. As noted in our previous response(ATISN 20370) -the alternative in the RIA was to introduce 20mph speed limits by each individual highway authority using Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). The RIA therefore could not cost this option, as it would be at the discretion of the highway authorities to choose the roads to be considered which was unknown.
5. As noted in our previous response(ATISN 20370) - we require more specific information to respond to this part of your request.

Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit, Welsh Government, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF10 3NQ

or Email: Freedom.ofinformation@gov.wales. Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely