



Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1385
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Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 15 December regarding petition P-06-1385 Hold an unbiased survey of the residents who live in the 20mph speed limit pilot scheme areas.

There are no plans to hold a survey within the trial areas, however, we have published the [interim report](#) for those areas. Whilst this is very early data, results show that slower driving speeds, increased levels of walking and cycling and minimal impact on journey times are among the key findings. Transport for Wales have published the [monitoring framework](#) which sets out what is being monitored and how the monitoring will take place.

In October last year, I issued a [written statement](#) with more detail about how we are supporting highway authorities with the implementation of 20mph. The Welsh Government has now appointed a small team to work with local authorities to consider the way the policy has been implemented and how the exceptions guidance has been applied.

The review team includes Professor Peter Jones, Professor of Transport and Sustainable Development at University College London. Professor Jones has had no involvement in 20mph implementation and will provide independent challenge to the process. The other two members of the panel are Kaarina Ruta, Transport Adviser at the WLGA, and Phil Jones, the Chair of the 20mph Task Force Group that made the initial recommendations.

The team will work with Welsh Government officials, local authority officers and other experts and partners (“the review group”). A series of preparatory meetings have already been held to:

- gain an understanding of the application of the guidance in different parts of Wales
- reflect on that application and consider whether clarifications to the guidance are needed to encourage greater consistency across Wales
- look at the approach taken to roads on the threshold between 20mph and 30mph
- share initial findings with local authority officers.

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

The team will review the outcomes from this preparatory work alongside other evidence. They will prepare draft conclusions and initial recommendations for consideration by the review group and then for submission to the Welsh Government for publication in February 2024.

The review team will then engage with local authority cabinet members and other key stakeholders, as well as representatives of industries affected by the speed limit changes, including bus operators and regional bus service planning teams. The team, together with the Welsh Government, will offer support to local authorities where they are keen to rapidly consider changes to roads where the decision between a 20mph and 30mph speed limit is less clear cut.

The review team will prepare a final report, accompanied by draft updated guidance on setting the speed limits in settlements affected by the 20mph default speed limit and exceptions, building on implementation experience to date and make recommendations on how this could be applied to communities on roads which currently have higher speed limits. Updates to the guidance could include, for example, taking into account the impact on bus routes and local communities.

The report and draft updated guidance will be submitted to the Welsh Government by the Summer Recess 2024.

We have provided an extensive frequently asked questions page on our website that covers the majority of the specific concerns that have been raised: [Introducing 20mph speed limits: frequently asked questions | GOV.WALES](#).

I hope this is a helpful response. Please get in touch if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee', is centered within a light gray rectangular box.

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