

P-06-1385 Hold an unbiased survey of the residents who live in the 20mph speed limit pilot scheme areas – Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee , 22 February 2024

To whomever ever it may concern including Jack Sargeant and Lee Waters. I started a petition ref P-06-1385 Hold an unbiased survey of the residents who live in the 20mph speed limit pilot scheme areas, over 5 months ago. I limited the run time of the petition to just over 3 months to New Year's Eve 2023 to speed up a response from the committee on this subject that I know many people are concerned about. Almost 800 people signed the petition in this short period. It will have taken over another 2 months for this to be discussed by the petition committee.

The response that I have received ref. a letter from Lee Waters to Jack Sargeant dated 8th Feb 2024, seems to have only one sentence relating to the petition request that was submitted. That line says and I quote 'There are no plans to hold a survey within the trial areas, however, we have published the interim report for those areas.'

The petition is a request for the voice of people whose lives were affected by the pilot scheme to be listened to by those who organised the pilot scheme. The interim report that is mentioned has not canvassed the opinions of these people so has no relevance to the petition request along with the rest of the response. Therefore, the only line of relevance to the petition request is 'There are no plans to hold a survey within the trial areas'

The response doesn't mention why there are no plans to hold a survey within the trail areas, whether in principle it would be a good or bad idea to hold an unbiased survey within the trial areas. It doesn't state whether the opinions of the people affected would be of any value or not.

Any pilot schemes run properly should request feedback from those who are part of the pilot. In this case that does not seem to have happened.

Is this how democracy works in a modern Wales?

Maybe Mr Sargeant, as my local MS, along with your counterpart in Delyn, you could organise a Survey of opinion from the pilot area of Buckley. That way at least one area included in the pilot will have been conducted in a thorough and complete manner.

I hope this response gets to you in a timely manner, prior to this being discussed at committee.

Best Regards