

P-06-1568 Return all the M4 to the 70mph speed limit, in Wales. Remove all lower speed limits forced on us – Correspondence from the Petitioner to the Committee, 26 January 2026

Hi,

First thoughts. The first link says there are green cameras on the M4. Is this correct? I only seem to see yellow?

With NO² data, I would think this could be skewed to give whatever results the surveyor wanted. It could depend on time of day, weather, volume of traffic, equipment used, position of the equipment, different people surveying, etc. I would take any government data or commissioned data with a pinch of salt, unless I saw the process with my own eyes, and knew it to be conducted without bias. People are now aware of cases of independent surveys/data that are perhaps only independent in name only, with hidden links and funding.

We seem to be getting the 'saving lives' mantra peddled out every time with speed limits. The 20mph fiasco, but the data showed accidents were already declining historically, but this data was manipulated to push this agenda.

If it was about safety, speed limits would be applied in specific areas not just rolled out adhoc, again down to government agenda surveys that no one is really privy to until they are applied.

Safety should be about driving standards, people indicating, not hogging the middle lane, repairing potholes, clearing drains, where standing water hides hazards. Since November the amount of water on the roads that is pooling in same places due to council/government neglect is shocking. We are nearly into February and there has been 2-3 months to get these looked at, so it's not about safety, we know that.

If it was about saving lives we wouldn't have the worst performing NHS in the UK after 26 years of devolution, plenty of lives to be saved there!

Fingers crossed, things will change in the upcoming election, since the 20mph introduction, the population has become very aware of the ineptitude of the Welsh government and resource wastage. An extra 36 politicians that no one has voted for being a case in point.

I don't think the Senedd quite realises the amount of disquiet felt by many of the population, they have had opportunities to listen but haven't taken things onboard.

Regards,

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