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Ein cyf/Our ref: KSNWT/10284/24

Petitions Committee  
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Dear Petitions Committee

Thank you for your letter of 5 September regarding Petition P-06-1458 Stop the Welsh Government from using Phil Jones Associates (PJA) to review the 20mph scheme.

PJA submitted a [report](#) in May 2024 and have had no further involvement in reviewing the implementation of the 20mph default speed limit in Wales.

Since April, we have undertaken a National Listening Programme, which has proved to be an incredibly valuable undertaking. This has been a genuine attempt to listen to people to make sure we are getting the right speeds on the right roads. I have met with groups both for and against, including the emergency services, and this feedback has helped shape the [Guidance on Setting 30mph Speed Limits on Restricted Roads and other 20mph roads](#) which was published on 16 July.

The guidance provides a framework to support local highway authorities to make the right decisions for their roads – particularly when those calls are finely balanced. It prioritises 20mph limits where pedestrians and cyclists frequently mix with vehicles unless strong evidence supports that higher speeds are safe.

We will continue to support highway authorities in the implementation phase of assessing roads, making of traffic regulation orders and finally in the implementation of changes on the ground. We acknowledge that it may take several months from September onwards before we see any changes on the ground.

We have tried to make the feedback process as simple as possible and representations can be made to the relevant highway authority, but they will be moving on to the implementation stage this month. Contact details for every local authority in Wales are available on our website at [Give feedback on roads with a 20mph speed limit | GOV.WALES](#). It also includes information on how to provide feedback on trunk roads which are the responsibility of the Welsh Government.

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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 latest collision [data](#) showed things are moving in the right direction and every casualty reduced makes a real difference. However, we've still got a way to go, and we expect numbers to fluctuate over the next few years as drivers continue to adjust to the new speed. I am confident that by working together and supporting highways authorities to make changes where it is right to do so, we can continue to make 20mph a real success story for Wales.

Further information, including an updated FAQ page, can be found at:  
[Introducing 20mph speed limits: frequently asked questions | GOV.WALES](#)  
[20mph speed limits | Sub-topic | GOV.WALES](#)

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in grey ink, appearing to read 'Ken', with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke above the letters.

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