



Welsh Government
Consultation Document

Road Safety in Wales - A New Road Safety Strategy

We want your view on how to improve road safety for all types of road users in Wales.

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Action required: Responses by 31 January 2024

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Road Safety Strategy Consultation

Overview

We want to hear your views about the safety on and of our roads, to help us understand your priorities and how we can best make our roads safe for all.

We will use the responses to this consultation, alongside our engagement with stakeholders that work in the ambit of road safety, a randomised representative sample survey of the Welsh population and workshops that include marginalised groups, to create a new Strategy for Road Safety in Wales.

Introduction

We consider deaths and serious injuries on our roads to be morally unacceptable, and so we are committed to eliminating them (this is called “Vision Zero”), and we feel everyone should do their part in working towards that commitment. This means a new, more proactive approach to road safety that aims to eliminate risks where possible and make our communities safer, healthier, and more sustainable places. We will do everything we can and encourage our partners to make safety improvements to the road network, encourage the use of safe speed limits depending on the type and function of the road, encourage behaviour change, influence vehicle safety and an effective post-crash response by emergency services and meaningful victim support.

How to respond

The 12-week consultation period will begin on 8 November 2023 and end on 31 January 2024. Responses should be submitted through this link:

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YQQVA0/>. The survey is also available in Welsh and alternative formats by request: <https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/YQQVA0/?lang=845668>.

Please ensure that your response reaches us before the closing date.

Further information and related documents

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

Contact details

Please return completed forms to:

Email: RoadSafety@gov.wales

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Questions

Q1a. Are you answering for yourself or on behalf of an organisation?

- Myself (Go to Q2)
- Organisation (Go to Q1b)

Q1b. If responding on behalf of an organisation, please provide your organisation's name:

- [Free Text]

Now go to Q14

Q2. Which of the following best describes your gender?

- Male
- Female
- Other (optional should only appear if you tick 'other')
- Prefer not to say

WRITE IN (OPTIONAL) _____

Q3. Please confirm your age

16 to 24 25 to 34 35 to 44 45 to 54 55 to 64 65+

Q4. Do you have any physical or mental impairments lasting or expected to last 12 months or more?

- Yes (**Go to Q5**)
- No (Go to Q6)
- Don't know (Go to Q6)
- Prefer not to say (Go to Q6)

Q5. Do any of your impairments impact on your ability to carry out day-to-day activities?

- Yes, a lot
- Yes, a little

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- iii) Not at all
- iv) Prefer not to say

Q6. How many of each of the following groups are in your household? (Please include yourself)

If there are no children in any particular age category

- No children
- Number of children (0-6 years)
- Number of children (7-11 years)
- Number of children (12-15 years)
- Number of adults (16+ years)

Q7. How would you describe the area where you live? Would you say your home is in an urban or rural area?

Please choose one

- i) Urban
- ii) Rural

Q8. Do you, or does anyone in your household own or have the regular use of a car or van?

- i) Yes, me
- ii) Yes, other person in household
- iii) No, nobody in household
- iv) Prefer not to say

Q9. Which of the following modes of travel do you ever use? *Please tick all that apply.*

- Walking
- Cycling
- Wheelchair
- E-bikes
- E-scooters
- Class 3 Mobility Scooter/Power Chair

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Car/Van
HGV
Motorcycle
Public transport

Q10. When thinking about where you live, how much do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Strongly disagree / Disagree / Neither agree nor disagree / Agree / Strongly agree)

		Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neither agree nor disagree	Agree	Strongly agree
i	Generally, cars or other vehicles are driven too fast.					
ii	Cars or other vehicles are driven too fast near schools.					
iii	Generally, cars or other vehicles are driven at safe speeds in areas where there are a lot of pedestrians.					
iv	Cars or other vehicles parked on pavements are a safety hazard.					
v	Roads where I live are safe for cyclists to use.					
vi	Children are safe crossing the roads where I live.					
vii	Where I live there are not enough cycle lanes and routes.					
viii	I feel safe crossing the roads where I live.					
ix	I worry about the safety of other family members walking, wheeling or cycling where we live					

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x	The roads and pavements where I live are not easy to navigate for disabled people.					
xi	Worry about people not wearing their seatbelts in cars					
xii	Poorly maintained roads create safety risks for road users.					
xiii	Poor street lighting is a road safety issue.					
xiv	People driving when using their mobile phones are a road safety issue					
xv	People driving when under the influence of alcohol or drugs are a road safety issue					

Q11: How safe or unsafe do you feel when doing each of the following in your local area?

	I feel very safe	I feel safe	I feel unsafe	I feel very unsafe	Not applicable/ Don't travel in this way
Walking					
Cycling					
Using a wheelchair					
Riding a horse					
Using a mobility scooter					
Driving a car					
Travelling by bus					
Riding a motorcycle					



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Q12. What difference would it make to you personally if the roads felt safer - would it make you more likely to...?

		Yes	No	Don't know	Not applicable/ don't do this
i)	Walk more				
ii)	Drive more				
iii)	Cycle or Scooter more often				
iv)	Get out on my wheelchair more often				
v)	Use public transport more often				
vi)	Use my Class 2/3 Mobility Chair/Scooter more				
vii)	Do something else (please specify)				

Q13. Have you ever been injured in a road collision, either as a driver, cyclist or pedestrian?

Yes (Go to Q13a)

No (Go to Q14)

Q13a. Did you feel you received sufficient support?

Yes

No (if No go to Q13b)

Q13b. How could it have been better?

Free text _____

Q14. Do you think more needs to be done to make Welsh roads safer?

Yes (Go to Q14a and Q14b)

No (Go to Q15)

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Q14a. Which of these reasons apply to why you think more should be done to make Welsh roads safer?

Select all that apply

- Encourages more walking and cycling
- Improves the quality of life
- Improves traffic flow
- Makes it safer for cyclists
- Makes it safer for horse riders
- Makes it safer for pedestrians
- Makes streets more pleasant to live in
- Means children can play more safely
- Means fewer serious collisions on the roads
- Reduces noise
- Reduces air pollution
- Reduces risk of fatal collisions
- Improves physical and mental health
- Makes it easier to get around your community
- Other (Please specify) _____
- None
- Don't know

Q14b. And which one is the main reason?

- Encourages more walking and cycling
- Improves the quality of life
- Improves traffic flow
- Makes it safer for cyclists
- Makes it safer for pedestrians
- Makes streets more pleasant to live in
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- Reduces risk of fatal collisions
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- Other (Please specify) _____

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Q15. Which if any of the following do you think would help make roads safer for all road users, i.e. drivers, cyclists, pedestrians and other users?

Choose your top three

Managing speeds through speed enforcement (e.g. through police stops and safety cameras)

Managing speeds through road design (e.g. chicanes and speed humps)

Managing speeds through speed limit reductions

Separate facilities for pedestrians and cyclists

Designing roads so all road users are clear as to how they should be used

Using police enforcement to make sure that all road users comply with traffic laws

Maintaining roads better

Improving street lighting

Providing more safe places for pedestrians to cross

Improving access for disabled people (e.g. dropped kerbs)

Creating more pedestrianised zones

Creating more cycling lanes

Regulating e-scooters

Other (Please specify) _____

None of these

Don't know

Q16. What could be done to encourage safe and responsible behaviour by all road users?

Free text _____

Q17. How important do you think each of the following factors are in making roads safer for everyone?

Not at all important / Not important / Neither unimportant nor important / Important / Very important/ Don't know

- a) Road users' knowledge of the rules of the road
- b) Road users' commitment to the rules of the road
- c) Mutual respect on the road
- d) Design of roads (including pavements and cycle lanes)
- e) Enforcement of the rules of the road for example by the police
- f) Design of vehicles and vehicle technology
- g) Stronger legislation

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- h) Enough space for all types of road users
- i) Speed limits
- j) Road maintenance
- k) Enough safe crossing points for pedestrians
- l) Pavements free of obstructions

Q18. How much responsibility you think the following have in making the roads safe for all?

A great deal of responsibility/ A certain amount of responsibility/ A little responsibility / No responsibility at all/ Don't know

- i) Me as an individual
- ii) Your local Council
- iii) Police
- iv) Fire and Rescue Service
- v) Motorists/drivers
- vi) People who walk
- vii) People who cycle
- viii) Horse riders
- ix) Welsh Government
- x) Vehicle manufacturers
- xi) Driving instructors/driving examiners
- xii) UK Government (Department for Transport)
- xiii) Schools/colleges
- xiv) Other (Please specify) _____

Q19. Is there anything else you would like to add?

Free Text _____