

Dear

## Request for information - ATISN 17328

Thank you for your request for information which I received on 13 March. I apologise for the delay in sending you this response.

### Your request

You asked for the following information:

*In the webpage "Introducing 20mph speed limits: frequently asked questions" at <https://www.gov.wales/introducing-20mph-speed-limits-frequently-asked-questions>, the following statement appears:*

*"What effect will the speed limit have on journey times?"*

*Journey times on roads in urban areas tend to be determined by junctions and signals, rather than the speed limit. In many cases lowering the speed limit to 20mph will have little or no impact on journey times. Where there is an impact, our analysis showed us that most journeys would only be around 1 minute longer but this would make the roads safer for pedestrians and cyclists."*

- **Please provide me with the data, and the subsequent analysis of that data, that was used to arrive at the statement "our analysis showed us that most journeys would only be around 1 minute longer".**

### Our Response

I can confirm that the Welsh Government holds the information you have requested. I have concluded however, that this information is exempt from disclosure under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, information otherwise available.

The information is already available in the public domain within the Transport for Wales (TFW), Default 20mph speed limit on restricted roads Phase 1 Interim monitoring report (2022). Please see section 3.2 on journey time and reliability:

[https://tfw.wales/sites/default/files/2023-03/Phase-1-20mph-Interim-Monitoring-Report\\_Final-publish-17-March.pdf](https://tfw.wales/sites/default/files/2023-03/Phase-1-20mph-Interim-Monitoring-Report_Final-publish-17-March.pdf)

### Next steps

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Government's handling of your request, you can ask for an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Welsh Government's Freedom of Information Officer at:

Information Rights Unit,  
Welsh Government,

Cathays Park,  
Cardiff,  
CF10 3NQ

or Email: [Freedomofinformation@gov.wales](mailto:Freedomofinformation@gov.wales)

Please remember to quote the ATISN reference number above.

You also have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office,  
Wycliffe House,  
Water Lane,  
Wilmslow,  
Cheshire,  
SK9 5AF.

However, please note that the Commissioner will not normally investigate a complaint until it has been through our own internal review process.

Yours sincerely