

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 18562

Thank you for your request for information dated 5 June.

Information requested

Q1. I read on Welsh Government website last week that under the new 20mph limit from September all existing 20mph signs will be removed as it becomes the default. Is this correct?

Q2. If so, how many signs will be involved across Wales until the September introduction and what will be the cost of removing and disposing of the 20mph signs?

Q3. I understand also that £33 million is being allocated to pay for additional Speed Enforcement Cameras to monitor the 20mph limits: Does this total include scrappage of the 20mph signs?

Our response

1. 20 mph Repeater signs will not be permitted on the new 20mph restricted roads. Highway authorities will have 12 months grace period after 17 September before they need to remove those signs.
2. We do not have a figure for the number of signs that will be involved, this information is held by each individual highway authority. The estimated cost for changes to traffic signs and road markings is £26.7 million.
3. We have been working closely with highway authorities in Wales and the English border to encourage the reuse of redundant Welsh 20mph signs in England. Any signs that are not suitable for reuse will be recycled.

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: Freedom.ofinformation@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