

Dear

12 September 2023

Request for Information – ATISN 18842

Thank you for your request for information dated 15 August.

Information requested

The total cost and impact of the following

1. Replacing all signs to incorporate 20mph
2. Incorporating this into all Literature.
3. The effect this will have on delivers in driver hours cost wages time both Hgv and Pcb
4. The mitigation Welsh Government have in place to minimise the issues
5. What costs are expected to increase to increase in driver hours
6. What plans there are to lower other speed limits within Wales i.e. 40 mph 60 mph 70 mph

Our response

For questions 1 and 2, please see the attached link – In the [Regulatory Impact Assessment](#) undertaken in 2022 it was estimated that the total cost of traffic regulation orders by highway authorities, for exceptions to the 20mph default speed limit, will be £1.1 million. 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.

The attached also notes the update to the traffic signs costs - [EM template for sub leg \(senedd.wales\)](#)

For question 3, 4 & 5 – we do not hold this information.

For question 6 – There are currently no plans to reduce any other speed limits.

You may also be interested in the attached - [The state of the evidence on 20mph speed limits with regards to road safety, active travel and air pollution impacts: August 2018 \(gov.wales\)](#).

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