

13 October 2023

Dear

## **ATISN 18995 – Request for Information**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 17 September 2023. You asked for:

1. A copy of the full calculations behind the lives saved numbers quoted by the Welsh Government in association with the introduction of the new 20 mph speed limit.
2. A copy of the evidence used to calculate the aforementioned figure:
  - A. emergency presentations to the NHS resulting from accidents in 30 mph zones
  - B. The police accident data used to demonstrate that accidents were directly linked to driving between 20 mph and 30 mph.
3. The impact assessment on the local economy including tourism.
4. The equality impact assessment showing how different areas will be impacted (in particular those areas with large expanses of 30mph roads and poor road infrastructure).
5. The calculations behind the Welsh Governments quoted impact on the journey time resulting from the reduction of the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph.

### **Our response**

1. A copy of the full calculations behind the lives saved numbers quoted by the Welsh Government in association with the introduction of the new 20 mph speed limit.

[TRI-Technical-Paper-101.The-value-of-Prevention.AD .pdf \(napier.ac.uk\)](#)

[Twenty miles per hour speed limits: a sustainable solution to public health problems in Wales | Journal of Epidemiology & Community Health \(bmj.com\)](#)

2. A copy of the evidence used to calculate the aforementioned figure:
  - A. emergency presentations to the NHS resulting from accidents in 30 mph zones

Welsh Government does not hold this information.

- B. The police accident data used to demonstrate that accidents were directly linked to driving between 20 mph and 30 mph.

The Welsh Government does not hold information in relation to collision driving speed. However, the table at the following links include information on the number of collisions by the speed limit of the road where the collision occurred.

[Recorded road accidents by speed limit, severity of accident and police force area \(gov.wales\)](#)

3. The impact assessment on the local economy including tourism.

[Regulatory Impact Assessment – 20mph Limits \(senedd.wales\)](#)

The equality impact assessment showing how different areas will be impacted (in particular those areas with large expanses of 30mph roads and poor road infrastructure).

All relevant information we hold is published in the [Regulatory Impact Assessment – 20mph Limits \(senedd.wales\)](#)

4. The calculations behind the Welsh Government's quoted impact on the journey time resulting from the reduction of the speed limit from 30 mph to 20 mph.

The estimated impact on journey times can be found here [Regulatory Impact Assessment – 20mph Limits \(senedd.wales\)](#)

The impact the 20mph speed limit on journey times in the 1<sup>st</sup> phase trials can be found here: [Phase 1 20mph interim monitoring report \(tfw.wales\)](#)

### **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](mailto: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