

16 October 2023

Dear

ATISN 19059 – Request for Information

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 22 September 2023. You asked, regarding the 20mph speed limit change:

1. How many trials were carried out for the new 20mph reduced speed limit
2. What were the locations of these trials
3. over what periods were each trial carried out
4. what public consultation took place pre and post trial
5. What data was collated from the consultation and used towards making this decision to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph
6. what was the number of accidents at each trial location for the period of the 20mph trial and for the same period 12 months prior to the trial when the speed limit was 30mph

Our response

1. How many trials were carried out for the new 20mph reduced speed limit

8 settlements were used for the 1st phase trial areas.

2. What were the locations of these trials

St Dogmaels, Pembrokeshire; Llanelli North, Carmarthenshire; St Brides Major, Vale of Glamorgan; Central North, Cardiff; Cilfrew Village, Neath Port Talbot; Abergavenny, Monmouthshire; Severnside, Monmouthshire; Buckley, Flintshire.

3. over what periods were each trial carried out?

The first trial area St Brides Major started in June 2021 and the final one in Caldicot started in May 2022.

4. what public consultation took place pre and post trial?

The 20mph public consultation was undertaken from July to October 2021.

5. 5 What data was collated from the consultation and used towards making this decision to reduce the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph?

The results from [20mph public consultation](#) were considered before laying the legislation to reduce the default speed limit on restricted roads from 30mph to 20mph.

6. what was the number of accidents at each trial location for the period of the 20mph trial and for the same period 12 months prior to the trial when the speed limit was 30mph.

The data gathered from the trial area can be found in the [20 mph 1st Phase Interim Report](#).

Next steps

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Welsh Government,
Cathays Park,
Cardiff,
CF10 3NQ

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

Yours sincerely