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Request for Information – ATISN 19519

Thank you for your request for information dated 26 April.

Information requested

How many roads across Wales switched from 30mph to 20mph following the Welsh Government's 20mph policy which came into force on September 17th, 2023?

Our response

In the work that Datamap Wales carried out to gather data on which restricted roads would remain at 30mph after the legislation came into force in September 2023, only a few highway authorities wanted to also indicate which roads which would default from 30mph to 20mph. We therefore do not hold the full information about how many roads across Wales switched from 30mph to 20mph.

However, we do know that prior to the legislation there was 870km of roads that were 20mph(2% of road length) and 13,085km(37% of the road network) that had a speed limit of 30mph. Following the changes, the length of road that had a 20mph speed limit increased to 12,975km(37%) and the length of roads that has a 30mph speed limit was 980km(under 3%).

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