



20mph Consultation Survey
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Proposal to reduce speed limit to 20mph on residential streets: Consultation Response on behalf of the Wales Safer Communities Network

Introduction

We welcome the opportunity to respond to the consultation. Our comments do not fit within the set survey questions so we are providing our comments below.

Consultation Comments

- The fundamental basis is to make the roads safer for all, which the Network supports.
- There needs to be clear timescales put in place and expectations so that the Local Authorities can plan a timetable for implementation and resources for changes to road signs and road markings. They along with the Police across Wales will be instrumental in enforcement and ensuring that there is no confusion for the Public. We are aware that both have been involved in discussions and raised any issues directly.
- There are only three areas where any concern may be raised:
 - Anti-social behaviour/hate crimes towards those in vehicles, whilst not been a big issue could increase as slower speed limits may allow people to be identified and targeted.
 - Safe routes for those fleeing domestic abuse and forms of exploitation, providing traffic flows this should not be an issue.
 - Potential for road rage due to not understanding the 20 mph maximum speed limit, which could include more risky manoeuvres when leaving a 20 mph area making the area around the speed limit change more risky and open to accidents and incidents.
- We think that it is particularly beneficial that the Highway Code in regards to Residential Streets identifies that some areas have a 20 mph maximum speed limit (152 <https://www.highwaycodeuk.co.uk/general-rules-techniques-and-advice-for-all-drivers-and-riders-general-advice.html>), as this allows consistency of messaging.



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- The Wales Safer Communities Network will support any campaigns or information sharing through our networks including the Community Safety Partnerships to enable the safe delivery of the plan.

Should you wish to discuss any of the above or we can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to get in touch

Introduction to the Wales Safer Communities Network

The Wales Safer Communities Network was established in January 2021 following the recommendations of the Welsh Government's Working Together for Safer Communities Review. The Network aims to become the strategic voice for community safety in Wales, working collaboratively to champion and support community safety partnership working, and influence the shaping and development of national policy and local practice.

Yours sincerely
Wales Safer Communities Network

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