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Eich cyf/Your ref P-06-1210
Ein cyf/Our ref LW/12371/21

Jack Sargeant MS
Chair - Petitions committee

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Dear Jack,

Thank you for your letter of 3 December regarding Petition P-06-1210 Stop the Welsh Government introducing a blanket 20mph speed limit.

A speed limit of 20mph may not be appropriate for all restricted roads in Wales. The Welsh Government has developed an 'exceptions process' which suggests when 20mph speed limits on restricted roads may not be suitable, based on criteria linked to levels of frontage development. Local authorities are able to review the outcomes of this process and add their local intelligence to determine whether to retain the existing speed limit along some stretches of road.

This exceptions process came from the 20mph Task and Finish Group report i.e. 'Recommendation 6: Transport for Wales (TfW) should further develop and finalise its GIS tool for identifying potential exceptions to the national default 20mph speed limit for restricted roads. This tool should take into account both the Place and Movement functions of each section of street/road. It should be trialled and refined through the Pilot Settlements project, which it was, and was further developed by TfW for Welsh Government so as to ensure that the new 20mph default speed limit on restricted roads highlighted residential and other areas of potential high pedestrian activity.'

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We welcome receiving correspondence in Welsh. Any correspondence received in Welsh will be answered in Welsh and corresponding in Welsh will not lead to a delay in responding.

With regards to funding, as noted in my previous response, we are currently trialling 20mph speed limits in eight settlements across Wales allowing us to overcome any unforeseen issues before we press forward with the proposed national implementation in 2023. This work will provide an insight into the approach to the national rollout and indicate what financial resources will be required across all local authorities to implement the changes that will be required.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lee', is centered below the closing. The signature is written in a cursive style with a long vertical stroke for the letter 'l'.

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