

16 October 2023

Dear

ATISN 19040 – Request for Information

Information requested

Thank you for your request which I received on 20 September 2023. You asked for:

1. I require you to provide me with a set of the data that informed you that the majority of people in Wales want this traffic legislation
2. I require you to provide me with the data regarding road accident mortality rates at 20mph compared to the mortality data at 30mph in Wales. You must have this information in order to have made the legislative change. Please also explain how your decision was arrived at.
3. There are conflicting surveys regarding cleaner air and lower vehicle emissions achieved at lower speeds - can you have the data sets used to make the claim that vehicle emissions will reduce mortality rates. I do not require a sweeping statement that 'it's better for the environment'.
4. I require you to provide me with information regarding the comparative data sets that you would have compared against to inform your decision to force this legislation on the public.
5. I require you to provide me with any data that supports your claims that this legislation will reduce costs on the NHS.
6. I require you to provide me with any reports available that indicate how the Welsh economy will be adversely affected by these measures and how inward investment from UK and international investors.
7. I require you to provide me with a copy of any report that might inform him of how driving at 20mph is economical and does not cause adverse damage to vehicles.

Our response

The information you have requested is exempt from disclosure under FOIA section 21: Information accessible to the applicant by other means. In particular, questions 1,2, 4 and 5 are answered in a previous FOI request, published as [atish18918.pdf \(gov.wales\)](#). Questions 3, 6 and 7 are answered in the [Regulatory Impact Assessment – 20mph limits \(senedd.wales\)](#).

Section 21 is an absolute exemption.

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