

17 April 2024

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 20370

Thank you for your requests for information dated 18 March regarding the 20mph limit.

Information requested

1. The reasons why the integrated impact assessment was not published for 6months, post implementation of the legislation.
2. What the current total for implementing the 20mph.
3. What it would have cost to have implement the 20mph on all roads that are currently reduced to 20mph under original legislation.
4. The total costs to revert a single road back to 30mph.
5. Evidence that shows that the costs for both scenarios were considered when deciding that this was an appropriate use of public funds and that it's implementation was not contrary to utilising the less restrictive original legislation before deciding to bring in further, more restrictive legislation.
6. Any further relevant information you may hold.

Our response

1. The delay in publication on the Welsh Government web site has been caused by the complex nature of its translation which is required by Welsh Law. This has now been completed and is now with the web team for publication, which can take two to three weeks.
2. The amount spent on the implementation of 20mph to the end of January was £13,822,167.96. We don't currently have the updated total amount spent on 20mph.
3. The alternative in the RIA was to introduce 20mph speed limits by each individual highway authority using Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs). The RIA therefore could not cost this option, as it would be at the discretion of the highway authorities to choose the roads to be considered which was unknown.
4. The cost of Traffic Regulation Orders will vary according to the highway authority. The number of traffic regulation orders needed on one road will also vary. We therefore do not have the information that you are requesting. 17 April 2024
5. A Regulatory Impact Assessment containing information on the likely costs, benefits and risks associated with alternative policy options was published with the Statutory Instrument in July 2022. An Integrated Impact Assessment (IiA) was also produced to consider the social, cultural, economic and environmental aspects of the policy. This was published on 29 February 2024.
6. We require more specific information to respond to this part of your request.

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