

12 September 2025

Dear

Request for Information – ATISN 25070

Thank you for your request for information received 12 August regarding the 20mph limit.

Information requested

1. Decision-Making and Policy Basis

-The full documentation, including meeting minutes, internal memos, and reports, that led to the decision to reduce the speed limit to 20 mph at this location.

-Any safety audits, risk assessments, or site-specific studies carried out before the decision was made.

Copies of correspondence between the Welsh Government and Flintshire County Council or North Wales Police regarding the change.

2. Evidence of Safety Impact

Collision and casualty statistics Used to justify the reduction to 20 mph at this location. Again FCC

Any post-implementation monitoring or evaluation reports assessing whether the change has achieved its intended safety outcomes.

3. Signage Guidance and Compliance

-Welsh Government guidance issued to local authorities regarding the required positioning, visibility, and maintenance of 20 mph signs when implementing the "Default 20" policy.

-Any inspections or compliance checks carried out in Pontybodkin to ensure signage met statutory requirements. Responsibility of FCC as the local highway authority

4. Public Consultation

-Records of any public consultation, community engagement, or stakeholder feedback collected before the change was made, specifically relating to the A5104 in Pontybodkin.

Our response

1. The Welsh Government introduced a speed limit of 20mph on all restricted roads in Wales (where streetlights are placed no more than 200 yards apart), that came into force from 17 September 2023. After this date Local Highway Authorities such as Flintshire County Council (FCC) were issued with Welsh Government Guidance to determine whether a section of road such as Pontybodkin should have a 30mph speed limit, [Setting 30mph speed limits on restricted roads: guidance for highway authorities \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#)
Any safety audits, risk assessments, or site-specific studies carried out

before the decision was made would be by the Local Authority – FCC. We don't hold any correspondence regarding this location as it is for FCC as the Local Highway Authority

2. Statistics used to justify the reduction to 20mph would be a matter for FCC. It would be up to FCC to undertake any monitoring of this location, however WG does monitor the impact of 20mph nationally <https://tfw.wales/national-monitoring-report-july-2025>
3. Welsh Government guidance issued to local authorities regarding the required positioning, visibility, and maintenance of 20 mph signs when implementing the "Default 20" policy. [Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions: guidance on the introduction of the default 20mph speed limit | GOV.WALES](#). Visibility and maintenance of signs is the responsibility of FCC
4. This would be a matter for FCC.

Next steps

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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