

17 October 2023

Dear

## **ATISN 19019 – Request for Information**

### **Information requested**

Thank you for your request which I received on 19 September 2023. You asked for information with respect to the interviewees in the Beaufort Research. Specifically:

1. How many people of each age group were interviewed?
2. How many of the people interviewed were car owners or rented cars?
3. How many of the people interviewed held HGV licenses?
4. How many of the people interviewed were bus drivers?
5. How many of the people interviewed were postmen/women or delivery drivers?
6. How many of the people interviewed drove regularly in areas targeted for speed reduction?
7. How many of the people interviewed did not drive or had no license to drive?
8. Where did people interviewed live, i.e. village, town, city or countryside?
9. Were any of the survey participants in any way related to any AMs?
10. How many of the people interviewed received remuneration for their participation and what form did any remuneration take, i.e. payment, gifts, gift tokens, discount vouchers, etc.?
11. How much were Beaufort Research paid for conducting this survey?
12. What other costs were incurred in this survey of 1000 people?

### **Our response**

For questions 1 -10 and 12, Welsh Government does not hold recorded information regarding these questions, other than the published reports themselves.

Further detail can be found at the [20mph public attitudes survey: further research \(gov.wales\)](#) and [The state of the evidence on 20mph speed limits with regards to road safety, active travel and air pollution impacts: August 2018 \(gov.wales\)](#). A

survey of a representative sample of 1,002 adults across Wales was carried out in November 2020 using the Wales Omnibus survey. A summary of the responses can be found here - [Proposal to reduce speed limit to 20mph on residential streets: summary of responses \[HTML\] | GOV.WALES](#). The original consultation can be seen at [Proposal to reduce speed limit to 20mph on residential streets | GOV.WALES](#).

Although Beaufort research use a statistically representative sample, Welsh Government does not hold your requested information on the numbers and details of individuals by occupation etc.

For question 11, Beaufort Research were commissioned by the Welsh Government to assess public attitudes towards a default 20mph speed limit on restricted roads in 2020 at a cost of £30,138.

### **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](mailto: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