

2 October 2024

Dear

Request for information - ATISN 21932

Thank you for your request which I received on 15 September 2023.

Your Request

You asked for the following information regarding the long-term economic cost of 20mph limits:

I refer to the previously published data in 2023, indicating a 30-year cost of £4.5 billion to the Welsh economy associated with the implementation of this 20mph scheme. Noting that on the WG website it was stated that this sum was indicative and, as a consequence, under review by academics - although there is currently no reference to this.

- 1. Has this review been undertaken, when and by whom?**
- 2. If in the affirmative, what were the findings of this review and the detailed assumptions and actual working calculations supporting the revised figures presented.**
- 3. If this review has not been undertaken or completed can you please explain the reason(s) for the delay and when this revised data is to be presented.**

Our Response

I can confirm that the Welsh Government does not hold the information you have requested. For questions one and two, the review has not yet been undertaken. We are conducting a 5-year review, in line with recommended evaluation good practice for major schemes.

For question three, the Post Implementation Review will be conducted via our 5-year 20mph evaluation that we are in the process of commissioning.

The budget for the 5-year evaluation is above the Find a Tender Service (FTS) threshold of £138,760 and is therefore subject to Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR2015). Procurements above the FTS threshold take at least 6 months.

Personal Information

The request you sent me contains personal information about you - for example, your name and email address. The Welsh Government will be the data processor for this information and, in accordance with the General Data Protection Regulation, it will be processed in order to fulfil our public task and meet our legal obligations under the Act to provide you with a response. We will only use this personal

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- to require us to rectify inaccuracies in that data
- to (in certain circumstances) object to or restrict processing
- for (in certain circumstances) your data to be 'erased'
- to (in certain circumstances) data portability
- to lodge a complaint with the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) who is our independent regulator for data protection

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Data Protection Officer
Welsh Government
Cathays Park
CARDIFF
CF10 3NQ
Email: DataProtectionOfficer@gov.wales

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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: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

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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