



Signed Petition – 20MPH

26 October 2023

Request for Information.

Thank you for your request received on 13 October in which you asked:

Almost half a million people signed a petition for the 20Mph to be disbanded (which is more than the Labour government got in votes)

- 1. When will it be discussed in the Senedd?*
- 2. with relevant supporting documentation including the full cost of the exercise .*

Please find our response below.

- 1. When will it be discussed in the Senedd?*

The petition **We want the Welsh Government to rescind and remove the disastrous 20mph law - Petitions (senedd.wales)** is currently collecting signatures and is due to close on 13 March 2024. The website states that petitions can collect signatures for a maximum of six months.

The petitioner has been contacted to ask whether he wishes to close the petition to enable the petition to be considered by the Petitions Committee sooner. (It is our practice to discuss petitions once they are closed to new signatures). This is a matter for the petitioner, who wishes to continue collecting signatures. Once the petition closes, it will be considered by the Petitions Committee, who will discuss whether the best course of action is to request a debate in the Senedd or take alternative action.

Every petition collecting over 10,000 supporters is considered for a debate.

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Unless the petition is closed early by the petitioner, it will be considered by the Petitions Committee in March 2024 and if they decide to request a debate, this would take place as soon as there is a slot available in the Senedd timetable. There is no specific timeframe for this.

Unusually, there has already been a Senedd debate which referenced this petition on 27 September 2023. Please find below a link to the Plenary session, item 9:

<https://business.senedd.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=700&MId=13488&Ver=4>

Earlier this year, the Senedd discussed the issue of the introduction of the 20mph default speed limit in response to a different petition on 28 June 2023, item 7.

<https://business.senedd.wales/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=700&MId=13384&Ver=4>

2. *with relevant supporting documentation including the full cost of the exercise.*

Supporting documentation

Before a Committee discusses a petition, they normally seek a written response from the Minister, and a **briefing** from the Senedd Research Service. These would be published to inform the discussion.

There are four briefings related to this petition:

- i. [20mph in Wales: implementation and effectiveness \(senedd.wales\)](#)
- ii. [20mph in Wales: enforcement and monitoring \(senedd.wales\)](#)
- iii. [Reallocate the £30m being used for 20mph limits, to the NHS which is in crisis, especially BCUHB!](#)
- iv. [Exempt A and B roads in Wales from the proposed blanket 20mph speed limit.](#)

As this information is already available, your request is subject to section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) which exempts information that is already reasonably accessible by other means.

Full cost of the exercise

The costs of the 20mph policy have been documented by Welsh Government. To request information from them, please email: Freedomofinformation@gov.wales

The Senedd does not collect costs in relation to the handling of an individual petition, therefore no information is held in relation to this part of your request.

Yours sincerely

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**Freedom of Information Manager
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Your request has been considered according to the principles set out in the **Code of Practice on Public Access to Information**. If you have any questions regarding this response please contact me. If you feel you have cause for complaint, please follow the guidance below.

Cause for concern or complaint with your FOI response?

If you are dissatisfied with the Welsh Parliament's handling of your request, you can request an internal review within 40 working days of the date of this response. Requests for an internal review should be addressed to the Freedom of Information Manager at:

Information-request@senedd.wales or in writing to

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If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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