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Andrew R T Davies MS

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Dear Andrew

Further to your written question of the 3 January 2024, I am advised you have not received a response from the former Deputy Minister for Climate Change to whom you directed your request, below.

“When will the police and GoSafe begin enforcement of the 20mph speed limit?”

The Police and GoSafe started to reintroduce enforcement in the 20mph areas at the beginning of November 2023. This was in existing enforcement locations that were not affected by the legislative change and had the correct signage in place. From April 2024, assessments into residual road safety risks at fixed speed camera locations were undertaken. As a result, several of the fixed cameras were reactivated. For the first four weeks of activation, advice letters will be issued to those drivers not excessively speeding, which supports the engagement first approach and seeks to inform those who may not be aware that the speed limit is 20mph, and that the camera is active. These have received very positive comments from the public, some of whom advise they were not aware of the change and who welcome the opportunity to adjust their speed. All reactivations are published on the GoSafe website in advance.

As more cameras come online, and more sites are adopted, it is to be expected that offence volumes would increase. GoSafe also advise that summer months, where visits to Wales increase, previous years show a seasonal increase annually. A full list of live sites is listed on the GoSafe website in map and table form. This should not be interpreted that there is not good adherence to the policy. Both Transport for Wales and Agilysis analysis shows that speeds have reduced in 20mph limits and speed surveys are a more accurate representation of how traffic is reacting to the policy.

Over 1,000 complaints of speeding in 20mph have been received from members of the public in Wales since the legislation change. This reflects that communities want

their local area to be safer, for drivers to slow down while driving through these communities. When concerns of speeding are received, GoSafe assess the area, including taking a speed survey to identify whether there is evidence of speeding. They also look at community factors, such as proximity to schools, medical facilities, parks, and whether there are vulnerable road users. It is only those sites that meet the criteria that will see the presence of the GoSafe vans. However, no enforcement is taking place where the highway authority has advised that the 20mph speed limit is under review, i.e. may be reverting to 30mph.

The first response to concerns of speeding is to consider a visit by the UGAIN team. The UGAIN team offer free of charge engagement as an alternative to prosecution, and their aim is to provide information over the legislation change and encourage compliance with the speed limit, prior to enforcement taking place. Over 5,000 engagement sessions have been provided by the teams across Wales.

You can find further information regarding enforcement and Op Ugain at [GoSafe | 20mph Engagement and Enforcement](#)

All speed enforcement is a matter for GoSafe and the police

Yours sincerely

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