

Email Response 002 (Dr Feltbower)

From: FELTBOWER, Stephen (NHS FORTH VALLEY)
Sent: 02 June 2017 14:27
To: Hall M (Margaret)
Subject: 20 Mph Consultation

Dear Margaret,

I received an invitation to respond to a Scottish Parliament Members Bill consultation on urban area 20mph speed restriction, via my children's school parent council.

I wholeheartedly support this bill both as a parent of children walking to school, a resident who lives in an urban area, a regular cyclist on urban roads and as a consultant in Emergency Medicine who frequently treats people who have been involved in road traffic collisions in urban areas.

The evidence is clear about your significantly increased risk of death and serious injury when struck as a pedestrian or pedal cyclist by a car travelling at 20mph as opposed to 30mph. The resultant cost to the individual and society as a whole of death and serious injury from road traffic accidents merits the lowering of the urban speed limit from 30mph to 20mph.

Many motor vehicle drivers exceed 30mph in urban areas - a reduction in the speed limit would greatly reduce the number of motorised vehicles driving in excess of 30mph.

A speed restriction to 20mph would greatly reduce the risk to pedestrians, cyclists and indeed motor vehicle users of suffering significant injury or death.

With best wishes,

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