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Sent: 02 June 2017 08:47
To: Ruskell M (Mark), MSP
Subject: Form submission from: Make 20mph the default speed limit in built up areas

Dear Mark Ruskell MSP

I am writing in support of your Proposal for a Members' Bill on 20mph zones. I am responding as an individual member of the public.

1. I fully support your proposal to replace the 30mph default speed limit on restricted roads with a 20mph limit.
2. This proposal is the best way to deliver on Scottish Government policy, which supports 20mph zones in residential areas. Currently local authorities must embark on an expensive time-consuming process to change the limit, which can yield patchwork results. 30mph should be made the exception rather than the rule.
3. The proposal will make our streets quieter, calmer and safer, and therefore will unlock the potential for higher rates of walking and cycling, encouraging a modal shift and leading to lower overall levels of air pollution and carbon emissions from the transport sector.
4. I do not see any disadvantage with the proposal.
5. A combination of advertising, signage, and enforcement should be used to maximise compliance.
6. The proposal has the potential to create financial savings for Scotland, in particular for local authorities. The current model is inefficient. A change of the default limit would require just one Scotland-wide change and associated campaign.
7. Safer streets will make for more pleasant and socially cohesive urban environments with potential benefits to local businesses, happier residents, and more thriving communities. Fewer road casualties, the potential increases in walking and cycling, and the potential reductions in pollution will lead to a healthier and more active society, with associated cost savings to the NHS.
8. 30% of people don't have access to a car and yet our streetscapes our

dominated by cars.

9. I strongly believe that the proposed bill can be delivered sustainably, without having likely future disproportionate economic, social and/or environmental impacts.

Thank you for considering my response.

Yours sincerely,

My response can be published without my name I am happy to be contacted in relation to this submission

By submitting my response to Mark Ruskell MSP's office, I understand that it will be shared with the Scottish Parliament Non-Governmental Bills Unit