Your message:

I do not support the proposal to replace the 30mph default with 20mph limit.

Look at the experience in Manchester, where the roll out has been stopped

because it made almost no difference to traffic speed and there was evidence

that the drop in pedestrian and cycling accidents in the 20mph zones was LESS

than the drop elsewhere in the city!

<http://www.manchestereveningnews.co.uk/news/greater-manchester-news/20mph-speed-limit-manchester-stopped-12706663>

I agree that 20mph should be the limit in certain circumstance, for example

around schools during the school day, but not at other times. On busy roads

lower speeds increase congestion because the traffic merely builds up.

Cars are less efficient at 20 mph than at 30 mph, so use more fuel - and

importantly therefore create greater emissions - to travel the same

distance. So from a "Green" perspective it is not necessarily a good thing.

(See the chart at <http://www.mpgforspeed.com/> - which I am unable to copy

here.)

Promoting cycling seems to be the green obsession - so do that with the

provision of safe cycle routes that keep the cyclists away from pedestrians

and cars. At present, for example on the canal tow path they are an absolute

danger, behaving to pedestrians in the way they complain cars behave to them.

But do not do it at the expense of car drivers and pedestrians.

Some large roads in Edinburgh have now got a 20mph limit, even though they

are not residential. And in particular if you are driving say, late at night

when there is neither traffic nor pedestrians around, there is absolutely no

justification for doing so at a crawl rather than the previous 30 mph.

My friend who lives on one of those roads was complaining to me that the

pollution has got noticably worse since the introduction of the lower limit.

On busy streets, and also some small residential streets, during the hours

there are many pedestrians or children around, there may be a justification

for reducing the limit.

But all the time on all streets, as in Edinburgh. Absolutely not.

Thank you for considering my response.

Privacy Preferences:

The Scottish Government will share your response internally with other

Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you

discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require

your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact

you again in relation to this consultation exercise? Yes