Your message:

1. As it currently stands I strongly oppose the proposal to replace the 30mph

default speed limit on restricted roads with a 20mph limit.

2. This proposal is a typical nanny-knows-best one-size-fits-all approach

which will be impossible to enforce and is likely to bring speed limits

generally, into further disrepute. However I do agree that Local Authorities

should have their administrative burden substantially lifted and should be

given more power to determine what speed limits are right in different parts

of the areas they administer. There is nothing wrong in principle with

inconsistency - indeed it is the only way to investigate and then share best

practice.

3. As it stands the proposal will not make our streets cleaner, healthier or

safer.

New and different proposals will be needed to help unlock the potential for

higher rates of walking and cycling.

4. I see many disadvantages with the proposal.

5. With ever greater pressure on police time such new restrictions will be,

by definition less enforceable - bring speed limits generally into further

disrepute.

6. The inflexibility of the current law is a problem. Local authorities

should be free to impose limits in built up areas and other roads which can

be demonstrated to pose particular danger without recourse to a burdensome

implementation process and without the requirement eg for different types of

signage.

7. Safer streets will make for more pleasant and 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 reductions in pollution will lead to a healthier

and more active society, with associated cost savings to the NHS. This is

best achieved by applying local intelligence to solve local problems - NOT by

a blanket approach.

8. We already have some of the safest roads in the world which suggests that

nuance should be the watchword in seeking to make further progress. This

proposal is a sledgehammer to crack a nut.

9. I would welcome an initiative which gave proper powers and

responsibilities to local authorities to determine speed limits and which

made the regulatory process cheap and simple. This is called devolution and

embodies the idea of "think globally, act locally". But this proposal is not

it.

Thank you for considering my response.

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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