Your message:

Air pollution in Glasgow is damaging to everyone's health. Reducing motor

traffic speed would have the benefit of reducing pollution marginally, while

also making other forms of transport (public and active) more attractive to

those who currently use private motor vehicles unnecessarily.

The speed of motor traffic in urban areas is a major disincentive for people

to risk cycling instead of driving. Reducing speeds generally should help to

drive a virtuous cycle in which the roads become more accessible for

different modes of transport.

Many motorists in Glasgow come from outwith the city, bringing air pollution

as part of their commute from surrounding areas. Reducing traffic speeds

might encourage more commuters to consider public transport options.

Reducing speeds is likely to reduce the number of fatalities on the roads.

Kinetic energy is proportional to the square of speed, thus reducing average

speeds by 1/3 should result in far fewer fatalities and serious injuries.

Reducing the speed of cars would also have the happy benefit of improving the

relationship between cyclists and motorists. The reduction in relative speed

would reduce the risk of both injury and frustration, and the closer

similarity in speed would make it easier to time traffic lights to suit both

types of road user.

Reducing traffic speeds is also likely to reduce tension on the roads. Most

drivers are very courteous and interact very reasonably with other road users

at low speeds, when there is ample opportunity for various road users to make

eye contact and see each other as people. It is as speeds increase that a

minority of drivers apparently start to develop a sense of entitlement at the

expense of other road users.

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