Your message:

I cannot, as a cyclist, runner and motorist support a move to a default 20mph

limit in our built up areas.

I question the evidence theorising it would reduce pollution. It may be

supported in laboratory testing with no inclines, wind resistance or

competing traffic. However, in real world driving, 20mph requires a lower

gear and higher revs to maintain momentum with a slower spinning flywheel

unable to compensate for those factors.

My experience of the 20mph limit introduced in Edinburgh indicate it is a

widely disobeyed limit. It appears on many roads the majority of traffic

ignores it. As a result, those who observe the limit cause frustration to

other road users.

That frustration I believe will result in drivers paying less attention to

cyclists and pedestrians, negating any improvement a physical reduction in

speed may deliver for safety.

Also from my experience of the 20mph limit in Edinburgh, there is a very real

cost to businesses involved in road transport in the area.

Delivery drivers and taxi drivers can not service the same number of clients

if travelling at 2/3 speed. For the duration of an 8 hour working day, that

is a significant loss of efficiency, work load and income.

I enjoy commuting by bike, I run more often than I cycle so have a good

perspective from both camps and I strongly believe the blanket 20mph limit in

Edinburgh is one blanket limit too many.

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