

Have your say on local speed limits – Kirsty Williams

Kirsty Williams, AM for Brecon and Radnorshire, is calling on local people to have a say on the speed limits in their area. The Welsh Government is currently reviewing local speed limits on the trunk road network and expects to be concluded by the end of the year.

Kirsty Believes that local people should be included in the process and is asking constituents to contact her with any issues they have in their area.

Commenting Kirsty Williams said:

“More and more constituents and community councils are coming to me telling me they are unhappy with the speed limits in their area. The Welsh Labour Government said when they issued guidance on this in 2009 that communities would be consulted. However, to date this has not happened.

“The residents who live in the towns and villages alongside the trunk roads deserve to have their voices heard. I would urge any constituents who feel strongly on the issue of speed limits to contact me so their views can inform this process.”

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From First Ministers Questions

Kirsty Williams

11. Will the First Minister make a statement on the implementation in Brecon and Radnorshire of Welsh Government guidance on setting local speed limits in Wales? OAQ(4)1674(FM)

Carwyn Jones / The First Minister

The guidance is being implemented across all counties in Wales, and the speed limit reviews are due to be completed by the end of this year.

Kirsty Williams

The guidance that was issued by your Government in 2009 stated that the views of local communities should be taken into consideration when speed limits on trunk roads are set. As you have said, the desk exercise is to be concluded by the end of December this year. Could you confirm that Government officials have taken the trouble to ascertain the views of local communities before those reviews are completed? I am aware of at least one community council that has long-standing concerns about trunk road speed limits in its area that has had no communication from your officials regarding this process at all.

Carwyn Jones / The First Minister

I expect there to be a level of consultation, of course. I can say that, in terms of her constituency, a speed limit review has been conducted at Sennybridge and at Llywel. The speed limit reviews at Trecastle and Llanspyddid on the A40 are under way. There will be a further review at the Graig Goch, Pantyscallog and Cellar bends. These are issues that require periodic review. The views of those living locally are important, but, of course, there are other factors such as road safety that need to be taken into account as well.