

Dear Sir/Madam,

In response to your request for public input regarding the proposed speed limit changes, perhaps you would like to consider these. Firstly, it is absolutely pointless to alter the present limits unless all island speed limits are **enforced**.

The honorary police are particularly bad in this respect - I live on a road with a 20 mph limit and am absolutely fed up with vehicles travelling at up to 40 mph along it. The road itself is on a parish boundary and neither St Lawrence, nor St Peter, seem to want to accept responsibility for monitoring speeds on it.

Around our area are a number of lanes with 15 mph limits, in my view this limit should remain in force, especially as a lot of public money has been spent in attracting tourists here to walk these lanes and because of their use by horse riders. Surprisingly drivers do seem to slow down to a reasonable pace for a Green Lane 15 mph limit but totally ignore a 20 mph limit.

As for main roads, the 40 mph limit should remain on all present roads that have that limit. After all, these are main arterial routes, and when traffic is heavy it automatically comes down to 30 or 25 mph due to the pure amount of vehicles nose-to-tail. However, when traffic is lighter, a good 40 mph can be safely used to get to one's destination.

After all of this you might be surprised at my next comment. I think that on Victoria Avenue and St Ouen's 'five mile road' the limit could be safely raised to 50 mph. Both of these roads can accomodate these speeds - Victoria Avenue has had a lot of money spent on it and there are safe pedestrian crossing areas to use. The majority of drivers already do around 45 mph there anyway. The five mile road is very 'open' with few buildings or obstructions along its length, motorists, pedestrians and other road users have clear view of each other so I really see no problems with a 50 mph limit there.

Yours faithfully, D.P. O'Byrne