

I understand that the original proposals came out of a committee of Constables or a committee which contained one or more Constables. I totally agree with the Panels questions regarding this matter and have already communicated some of my concerns to the Parish officials in St John.

- there must be some wonderment as to why any change is needed and the comment from the Transport Minister that it is to deal with confusion felt by the public is not only patronizing but incorrect. Different parishes may have different approaches but, Island-wide, speed limits are clearly indicated. What other demonstrable reasons exist for proposing change?

- raising the limits in green lanes surely goes against the fundamental ethos behind green lanes. The people of the Island and tourists do not need their enjoyment of the lanes eroded by increased speed limits. One can only wonder at the mentality of those who suggest such a change and I am sure that they are completely out of touch with public opinion.

- I declare an interest as one who lives on a green lane. I know from experience that our green lane is used as a short cut by articulated and other large vehicles who are not using them to go to householders on the lane. This also raises the very important issue of policing the speed limits. Existing traffic frequently ignores the existing limits on green lanes.

- The Panel have raised the general issue of enforcement. A good point indeed because enforcement of existing limits is hardly noteworthy. From green lanes to to Victoria Avenue there are a great number of examples of excess speeds on a daily basis. It would be more relevant to demonstrate enforcement of existing speed limits rather than unnecessarily tinkering with them.

From the reading I have done this does indeed seem to be a poorly researched proposal and a total waste of time.

I wish the Panel well in pursuing this matter.

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