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Dear Sir,

Review of speed limit policy

On a small island like Jersey, I feel there is no need for traffic to move at any great speed, as it does not take too long to reach any part of the island. People just need to ensure that they allow the appropriate amount of time for their journey.

We should have low speed limits that keep the traffic flowing without endangering cyclists, horse riders and pedestrians, etc. This would enhance the pleasure of living in a peaceful environment, for both locals and visitors.

- (1) The maximum speed limit of 40 mph is suitable for very few of our roads, as you are never far from a junction, or from people wishing to cross the road - even on the 'five mile road'.
- (2) The 30 mph speed limit would, in my opinion, be suitable as an island maximum speed. This would make life easier for pedestrians, especially older people, children, and people with wheelchairs or pushchairs.
- (3) The 20 mph speed limit should be in place for all built up areas where the local residents feel the speed of traffic is a problem.
- (4) The 15 mph speed limit in green lanes should not be increased. The extra speed surely makes very little difference to journey times, but makes a big difference to pedestrians. Walking has become much more popular in recent years, and we should be encouraging this healthy option, both for locals and as a visitor attraction. Most green lanes are in any case only minor roads, with alternative routes available to motorists.

Many motorists already drive at sensible speeds, but others seem to regard the maximum speed limit as a minimum speed at which to drive, with little regard to road conditions or the needs of others.

Perhaps introducing a penalty points system would ensure that regular offenders, if caught, would be deterred from speeding again for fear of losing their licence.

If some of the worst offenders had to spend time being pushed around in a wheelchair, to experience what it feels like to be forced off pavements by illegally parked cars, and faced with speeding traffic, perhaps they would be more considerate.

Speeding is not just something 'everybody does', but is a potentially dangerous, and certainly anti-social, bad habit. Fixed penalties might work as an immediate deterrent, and also help reduce the burden on the courts.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Susan Mills', written in a cursive style. The signature is positioned above a horizontal line that extends to the left and right.

Miss Susan Mills