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Dear Mr. Orbell.

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### **SPEED LIMITS – REVISED POLICY**

As one of the many who has benefited greatly over the years from Jersey's Green Lane system, I would like to add my voice to those who wish to retain what surely is a unique attribute to the Island.

Well before the system came into being, I was one of the fortunate 'pioneers' who instigated guided walks around all parts of Jersey's coast and countryside. In 1991, I was instrumental in the formation of the Jersey Walking Group, an informal gathering of keen walkers that remains hugely active to this day.

From the viewpoint of islanders and visitors to Jersey - whether walkers, cyclists or horse riders - the psychological benefits experienced along a Green Lane should be truly recognized, understood and fully appreciated.

For the most part, Green Lanes are generally narrow, extremely winding and lack the rudimentary safety precautions afforded by a pavement.

Despite this, the knowledge that traffic is urged to comply with a 15mph speed limit at least offers the pedestrian a certain peace of mind in the knowledge that a vehicle is unlikely to appear at an unreasonable speed around what are often blind corners.

We are all fully aware that motor vehicles are now much larger, far more powerful and certainly quieter than they have ever been before.

Few roads in Jersey ever fail to experience their constant presence although personal experience tells me that drivers tend to avoid the slower Green Lanes if they possibly can. Increasing the speed limit to 20mph would, in my opinion, change this situation dramatically by greatly encouraging far more vehicular usage on the Green Lane network.

Such a decision would, I am certain, instantly destroy the pleasurable ambience of what is, after all, a truly unique system that the Island should surely take great pride in protecting and preserving at all costs.

Yours most sincerely,

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