



Department
for Transport

Examining the Speed Limit for HGVs over 7.5 tonnes on Dual Carriageway Roads: ANC Consultation Response

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How to complete this questionnaire

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For each question below, please indicate your response by clicking on the appropriate 'check box'. If you make a mistake, click again to remove the cross (please do not click more than one box). Where applicable, please explain the reason(s) for your preference and provide evidence if available by clicking on 'Click here to enter text' under the appropriate question.

Q1. Please indicate which of the following categories best represents your interest in this consultation

- Trade Association (please provide details)
- Haulage company
- HGV driver
- Government enforcement body, Police force and similar organisations (please provide details)
- Road safety group (please provide details)
- Local authority (please provide details)
- Road user
- Other (please provide details)

[The ANC represents Acoustic Consultancy companies in the UK.](#)

Policy options, costs and savings

Q2. Please consider the following policy options

- Policy option 1: Do nothing; retain the existing 50mph limit for HGVs over 7.5t on dual carriageways
- Policy option 2: Raise the national speed limit for HGVs over 7.5t from 50 to 60 mph on dual carriageway roads
- Policy option 3: Raise the national speed limit for HGVs over 7.5t from 50 to 55 mph on dual carriageway
- Other: Do you consider there to be any other policy options or variants on Option 2?

Please indicate your preferred option

- Policy Option 1 (Do nothing)
- Policy Option 2 (Raise speed limit to 60mph)
- Policy Option 3 (Raise speed limit to 55mph)
- Other

Please give your reason for choice of Option 1,2 or 3, or if you consider there to be other options, please explain fully and give any supporting evidence you may have.

The proposed changes will result in an increase in noise level. When calculated in accordance with CRTN (Calculation of Road Traffic Noise – Department of Transport, Welsh Office, 1988) the proposed speed increase represents approximately a 1 dB(A) increase in noise level. This increased noise climate will affect many thousands of people who live near dual carriageways.

Q3. Do you think agree the balance of savings and costs of changing the speed limit detailed in the Impact Assessment reflect your own experience or expectations?

Yes
No

If 'No' please explain your reasons

No view as this is outside our area of expertise.

Q4. Are there any negative impacts of the current speed limit other than those referred to in the Impact Assessment?

Yes
No

Please explain your answer and provide any evidence you may have.

No view as this is outside our area of expertise.

Q5. Do you think that HGVs would be unlikely to increase their speed on dual carriageways as a result of this proposal?

Yes
No

Please give your reasons

No view as this is outside our area of expertise.

Q6. Do you think an increased speed limit to 60mph on dual carriageway roads will lead to more HGVs over 7.5t using dual carriageway roads than do currently?

Yes
No

Please give your reasons

[No view as this is outside our area of expertise.](#)

Are there any other impacts?

Q7. Local authorities have powers to alter speed limits on the local road network, including non-trunk primary routes, in line with guidance set out in Setting Local Speed Limits, DfT Circular 01/2013.¹ Do you think that the increase in the national speed limit for HGVs over 7.5t on dual carriageways, would make it more likely that local authorities would introduce more local speed restrictions?

Yes

No

If 'yes' please give details of which roads

[No view as this is outside our area of expertise.](#)

Q8. If you are an organisation providing information to the haulage industry or other road users, do you think your organisation would incur publicity or conversion costs in addition to those related to the speed limit change on single carriageways as a result of the proposed speed limit increase on dual carriageways?

Yes

No

If 'yes' please indicate what these may be.

[Not relevant to our members.](#)

¹ <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/setting-local-speed-limits>