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Subject: Speed limit consultations - Spokes Planning Group responses

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Spokes' responses to the [20mph Streets and Rural Roads speed limit](#) consultations are below

20mph Streets

Spokes is strongly supportive of this proposal to widen the existing 20mph network. This will improve road safety and will particularly benefit those using active travel.

Comments:

- There are a number of main roads in the proposed map where the speed limit will change several times in a relatively short space. Examples include:
 - Gilmerton Road - the speed limit will change up to seven times between Gilmerton crossroads and Goods Corner.
 - A70 - the speed limit will change seven times between Balerno Main Street and Gillespie crossroads.
 - Colinton - the speed limit will change up to five times between Gillespie Road and Colinton Mains Drive.
 - A8 - the speed limit will change five times between East Craigs and Roseburn.
 - Hailesland Road - including this in the 20mph zone would be simpler.

We believe that this will reduce compliance, and suggest that the speed limit in such places is reduced to 20 mph along the length of the route. *Ideally, the speed limit would actually be 20 mph everywhere within the bypass.* This would be the simplest, easiest to understand and safest option.

- If a city-wide 20mph zone is not enacted, then the speed limit on signed cycle routes should be set at 20 mph. This should include the "RR" ring road route from The Gyle to The Wisp.
- A large number of dead end streets are not included (e.g.: Chancelot Grove, Western Gardens and Drum Woods). We presume that these will be included, but simply haven't been shown on the map properly. They should be included for simplicity and cost reasons.
- Cluny Gardens, Charterhall Rd, Blackford Ave and West Mains Rd are all shown as being 20 mph, despite currently having 30mph speed limits. Our understanding is that a 20 mph order for these streets has previously been approved, but not yet implemented. For the avoidance of doubt, we strongly support these streets being made 20 mph, and hope that this can be implemented as soon as possible.
- Effective and regular enforcement of the 20 mph speed limits will maximise the benefits. This should include the council lobbying for changes to legislation which restricts speed camera use.

Rural Roads

Spokes is strongly supportive of this proposal to introduce lower speed limits on rural roads. This will improve road safety and will particularly benefit those using active travel.