

# STATES OF JERSEY



## **SPEED LIMITS: REVISED POLICY (P.167/2010) – THIRD AMENDMENT (P.167/2010 Amd.(3)) – COMMENTS**

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**Presented to the States on 4th April 2011  
by the Minister for Transport and Technical Services**

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## COMMENTS

Deputy Higgins has proposed that St. Aubin's Inner Road be designated a 25 mph limit between the King George V homes and the St. Helier / St. Lawrence boundary at Millbrook.

I believe the review group's recommendations for a system of 20, 30 and 40 mph limits will provide a reasonable balance between mobility and the safety of road users, and provide an understandable and simplified structure. Introducing yet another speed limit level will only serve to confuse the motorist and exacerbate the difficulties of gaining public compliance, which my proposition seeks to address.

The group recommended that urban main roads such as St. Aubin's Inner Road should continue to be subject to a 30 mph limit. There is evidence from the review groups' public consultation that the majority of the public favour a 30 mph limit rather than 20 mph in the built up area.

In considering one particular road in isolation it is tempting to make an emotional case for a lower limit, on the assumption that if motorists wish to travel faster they can do so elsewhere. There are however many roads of similar character to St. Aubin's Inner Road. Deputy Higgins proposes that the 25 mph limit would apply only to the section within St. Helier. However the section of St. Aubin's Road in St. Lawrence is of similar character and has a similar accident record. To change at the Parish boundary would be illogical and confusing to the public.

Deputy Higgins' amendment is a good example of why it is important to consider individual requests for changes to speed limits against an island wide policy. An emotional argument such as the Deputy makes could result in many and varied speed limits across our island to the confusion and frustration of the general public. The main report and proposition considers speed limit policy rather than individual locations and concludes that there is no need for a new 25 mph category. I would ask the house to vote against Deputy Higgins' amendment on that basis.

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