

To whom it may concern

Please do not raise the speed limit on green lanes. We used to live on Rue Du Sud, a green lane in St Ouen. We were always amazed that the majority of people completely disregarded the speed limit and the fact that pedestrians had priority. I read several arguments in the JEP stating that it was difficult to drive at 15mph but easier at 20mph, what rubbish! If a driver can't control a car and react to road conditions at 15mph then they are not fit to drive full stop let alone at a higher speed. Injuries sustained from a collision with a vehicle by either a cyclist or pedestrian are exponentially worse as speed increases. The average journey in Jersey is so short that any change of speed will have such a minimal impact on time that it is not worth considering. We should be encouraging as many people as possible to cycle or walk especially considering carbon emissions, road congestion and exercise for personal health. My wife and I enjoy walking the country lanes with our children but are always wary of the high numbers of dangerous and inconsiderate drivers who put all our lives in danger. After the recent two serious road traffic accidents in the last week (one resulting in death) it would be irresponsible to increase the limit. I think an island wide top speed of 30mph would be extremely sensible which should be rigorously policed with driving licence penalty points and severe fines for those found breaking the law. Walking and cycling are the lowest impact (both environmentally and economically) forms of transport and should be afforded the highest level of protection. Please make people and not cars the priority of Jersey.

Yours faithfully

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