



2 August 2005

Dear Mr Kay.

Consultation on 20mph Speed Limits and Traffic Calming

Thank you for the various letters we have received inviting comment on proposed 20mph and traffic calming schemes.

The Cycle Forum is very supportive of the full time mandatory schemes. The lower speed limit increases the safety of vulnerable road users such as cyclists and we support the use of speed cushions to help enforce the limit.

Whilst welcoming the part time schemes around schools, the Forum believes that they will only play a part in encouraging more cycling to school if they are part of an integrated package of measures including safe cycle routes, cycle training, driver awareness and cycle facilities. However, we appreciate that general cyclists passing through these zones at the particular times will benefit.

We would also note that the flashing light signs are not always activated at some locations where they are currently installed. We are aware of instances when they should be in operation and they are not, thus signalling to motorists that the 20mph limit is not in operation. We would encourage the council to remind those responsible to always activate the lights at the required times.

Yours sincerely,

On behalf of Aberdeen Cycle Forum.