

Use your voice: Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030 consultation

My village now has a 20mph speed limit.

This was a result of many years of conversation between the local community and the council. In the end, our voices were heard and it is well understood that the chances of surviving a crash at 20mph are significantly better than at higher speeds.

There is now a much larger conversation going on about road safety across Scotland.

Transport Scotland have launched <u>'Together, Making Scotland's Roads Safer'</u> a consultation that gives you the opportunity to have your say as Scotland's Road Safety Framework to 2030 is shaped. Its vision is for Scotland to have the best road safety performance in the world, through adopting a 'safe systems' approach.

In occupational safety and health we are familiar with safe systems of work where factors associated with people, equipment, materials and the environment are considered individually and collectively resulting in an agreed way of working that keeps people healthy and safe.

Scotland's roads by adopting a safe systems approach which combines;

- Safe speeds
- Safe Road Use
- Safe vehicles
- Safe roads and roadsides And
- Post-crash response

The roads network is there to benefit us all. Whether we are drivers, riders, pedestrians, drive for work or use public transport. And I'm fairly certain, that from time to time, each of us has ideas about how to improve the transport network. We may have opinions about how to 'share space' with other road users and the need to drive at safe speeds. If you have been involved in a collision, you will probably have thought about how it could have been avoided.

Transport Scotland's ongoing road safety consultation is an excellent opportunity to share your views and be part of the change you want to see.

Over the next 5 weeks we are going to help you understand current and emerging challenges which our transport network faces with a particular focus on driving and riding for work and workplace culture. We also hope to encourage you to use your voice and respond to the <u>consultation</u>.

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