

Minister for Transport and Veterans  
Keith Brown MSP

T: 0845 774 1741  
E: [scottish.ministers@scotland.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:scottish.ministers@scotland.gsi.gov.uk)



Maureen Watt MSP  
Convener  
Infrastructure and Capital Investment Committee  
Scottish Parliament  
EDINBURGH  
EH99 1SP



16 December 2013

Dear Maureen

I am writing to advise that I have, today, announced plans to implement a 20 mph speed limit trial at 5 locations across the trunk road network in Scotland. Road safety is of paramount importance to this Government, and these plans are part of a wider programme of measures to promote the safe and efficient use of Scotland's roads.

The key objective of this work is to improve road safety for vulnerable road users such as pedestrians, children, cyclists, motorcyclists and equestrians. Based on a range of evidence, we believe this objective can be achieved in some circumstances by introducing lower speed limits in towns and villages without the need for intensive engineering or additional enforcement.

The proposed sites at Maybole; Largs; Biggar; Langholm and Oban have been identified based on a set criteria, which included safety performance, traffic volumes and HGV levels on each route.

Further information on these plans is available via the Transport Scotland website at – [www.transportscotland.gov.uk/speedlimittrials](http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/speedlimittrials)

Kind Regards

**KEITH BROWN**