

**Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA)**  
**Decision notice**

**Date:** 23 August 2024

**Public Authority:** Metropolitan Borough of Wirral

**Address:** Town Hall  
Brighton Street  
Wallasey  
Wirral  
Merseyside  
CH44 8ED

**Request:**

The complainant requested the following information from the Metropolitan Borough of Wirral on 30 April 2024:

"1. My councillor stated 'I would like to point out that while there are some people who oppose the 20 mph there many more that are in support of it!'

What evidence can Wirral council provide of the numbers of people in support of 20 mph zones versus the numbers against. I don't know anyone who agrees with blanket 20mph zones. Please provide your numbers for and against plus the source of these numbers. Thank you.

He also stated "I can only act on the information that is put before me"

What information was presented to councillors to convince them that 20mph zones would be beneficial?

How were they educated on this policy for example did they attend courses or receive lectures and if so, by whom?

He also stated that 'there is a lot of information out there as to why cutting the speed limit is the RIGHT thing to do'

What statistical evidence (actual evidence please not hearsay) can you provide to show that cutting the speed limit to 20mph will save lives?

'I like every councillor of the Wirral swore the declaration of acceptance of office' Please would you provide the wording for the oath that is sworn by councillors on acceptance of office?

How many people have died on the streets of Wirral as a result of an accident involving a vehicle driving at 30mph over the last 10 years? Broken down by year please.

What incentives were given to either Wirral Council or individual councillors to push through these unpopular measures - well I know very few people who agree with them and that is reflected in the Wirral Globe apparent opinion - incentives may involve any benefit such as but not limited to cash or other payment, courses, trips away? (DEFINITION: Something, such as the fear of punishment or the expectation of reward, that induces action or motivates effort.)

What relationship does Wirral Council have with either C40 cities or UK100 or other organisations that are pushing these globalist agendas?"

**Commissioner's Decision:**

A public authority will breach section 10 of FOIA if it fails to respond to a request within 20 working days. Based on evidence available to the Commissioner, by the date of this notice the public authority has not issued a substantive response to this request. Therefore the Commissioner finds a breach of section 10.

**Steps:**

The public authority must provide a substantive response to the request in accordance with its obligations under FOIA.

The public authority must take this step within 30 calendar days of the date of this decision notice. Failure to comply may result in the Commissioner making written certification of this fact to the High Court pursuant to section 54 of FOIA and may be dealt with as a contempt of court.

**Right of Appeal:**

Either party has the right to appeal against this decision notice to the First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights). Information about the appeals process may be obtained from:

First-tier Tribunal (Information Rights)  
GRC & GRP Tribunals,  
PO Box 9300,  
LEICESTER,  
LE1 8DJ

Tel: 0203 936 8963

Fax: 0870 739 5836

Email: [grc@justice.gov.uk](mailto:grc@justice.gov.uk)

Website: [www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber](http://www.justice.gov.uk/tribunals/general-regulatory-chamber)

Any Notice of Appeal should be served on the Tribunal within 28 (calendar) days of the date on which this decision notice is sent.

**Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF**