

CONSULTATION RESPONSE FORM

M1 J28 to J35a maximum mandatory 60mph speed limit

Please complete this pro-forma and send to the address below

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Or alternatively you can respond to the consultation by email:

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PART 1 - Information about you

Completion of this section is optional but helps with our analysis of results. A note at the end of this form explains that we may be obliged to release this information if asked to do so.

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Company Name or Organisation (if applicable)	Rotherham Borough Council
Please tick one box from the list below that best describes you/ your company or organisation.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small to Medium Enterprise (up to 50 employees)
<input type="checkbox"/>	Large Company
<input type="checkbox"/>	Representative Organisation
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trade Union
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interest Group

X	Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Central Government
<input type="checkbox"/>	Police
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member of the public
<input type="checkbox"/>	Other (please describe):
<p>If you are responding on behalf of an organisation or interest group, how many members do you have and how did you obtain the views of your members:</p> <p>The consultation response has been considered by the Council's Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Development in accordance with his delegated powers, and by the Council's Improving Places Select Commission, acting as the Council's scrutiny board.</p>	
<p>If you would like your response or personal details to be treated confidentially please explain why:</p>	

PART 2 - Your comments

<p>1. Do you consider that the proposal to introduce a maximum mandatory 60mph speed limit is an acceptable measure to mitigate any adverse impacts that these schemes could have on local air quality?</p>	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No X	
<p>Please add any comments:</p> <p>Detail is not provided particularly on why and how the proposal will manage traffic growth. If modelling demonstrates there will be a negative impact on the local highway network (ie, the transfer of traffic away from the Strategic Network) then the Council wish to register it's concerns. The proposals for Managed Motorways seeks to provide additional capacity on the Strategic Road Network yet this proposal seeks to limit that growth, therefore there appears to be an inconsistency in approach. The "No" response above therefore relates to a lack of evidence provided.</p>			
<p>2. Which of the following times of operation do you consider most acceptable?</p>			
7 days a week 24 hours per day (all day, every day)	7 days a week Daytime only (e.g. 07:00-19:00)	7 days a week Night time only (e.g. 19:00-07:00)	Other days or hours of operation (Please specify)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	
Monday to Friday 24 hours per day (all day Mon-Fri)	Monday to Friday Daytime only (e.g. 07:00-19:00)	Monday to Friday Night time only (e.g. 19:00-07:00)	Monday to Friday Peak hours only (a.m. and p.m.)
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

For the purposes of this consultation, it should be assumed that the speed limit will need to be in place for several years. However, we are not able to give an indication in this document of how many years the speed limit will need to be retained. Nevertheless, it is important to stress that the proposed speed limit will be removed as soon as the background air quality improves sufficiently to enable this.

We would be interested in your views about whether having the proposed speed limit in place for different durations would have differing impacts on you or your organisation.

3. Do you consider that different time durations (by way of example only, two or three years as opposed to seven or eight years) might affect you or your organisation differently?	Yes X	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, please give your comments:

It is likely that the proposals will restrict economic growth in Rotherham and the Sheffield City Region, therefore the lesser time period that the restriction is in place, the lesser the impact on inhibiting growth.

4. Are there any aspects of the proposal to introduce a maximum mandatory 60mph speed limit on the M1 between junctions 28 and 35a which give you concerns?	Yes X	No <input type="checkbox"/>
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If yes, please give your comments:

The proposals should only be introduced at peak periods of traffic flow, which will accord with the periods where air quality impacts are at their most critical. It is unclear why such a proposal would be required to be implemented in off peak periods, having a negative impact on economic growth in the region. Implementing the proposal in off peak periods would discourage peak spreading by making travel outside the peak less attractive, therefore potentially concentrating traffic during the peak periods.

5. Are there any additional comments you would like to make about the proposal to introduce a maximum mandatory 60mph speed limit on the M1 between junctions 28 and 35a?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
<p>If yes, please give your comments:</p> <p>The Managed Motorways proposal and the variable speed limits contained therein will have the same facility to set reduced speed limits, therefore it is unclear why a proposal to implement a permanent reduction in speed limit is required.</p>		

Note on disclosure of information

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal information, may be subject to publication or disclosure in accordance with the access to information regimes (these are primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

If you want any information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence.

In view of this, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, of itself, be regarded as binding on the Highways Agency.

The Highways Agency will process your personal data in accordance with the DPA and in the majority of circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.