

# views on potential 50mph speed limit on A708

QUESTIONNAIRE



## INTRODUCTION

In response to a government instruction issued to all local authorities, Scottish Borders Council has undertaken a review of speed limits on all of its A and B class rural roads.

The review considered:

- The number of recorded personal injury accidents on the each section of the road;
- How many accidents recorded as being speed related;
- Daily traffic flow;
- Existing speeds; and
- Representations from communities and individuals.

The entire length of the A708 between the Selkirk and the Dumfries and Galloway Border has satisfied the criteria for which the Guidance stated that the route should be considered for a reduction in speed limit.

The Police, as enforcement agency, have been consulted and are, in principle, supportive of a speed limit reduction.

It should be noted at this stage that, under current legislation for a 50mph speed limit, there is a legal requirement to provide a 50mph small repeater sign on alternate sides of the road every 500 metres. Early concerns from elected members and communities are that the blanket provision of these signs would detract from the existing characteristic of the road.

This short questionnaire has been designed and distributed to offer individuals, communities and road users the opportunity to comment on the idea of reducing the speed limit on the A708. Please complete the form and return it to the address given on the back of this questionnaire.

**Please place a tick (✓) in the appropriate box**

1. Are you resident in

a) One of the A708 communities (Yarrowford/ Broadmeadows, Yarrow, Yarrowfeus, Cappercleuch) or on a property taking access from the A708	
b) Selkirk	
c) Elsewhere	

2. How frequently do you drive on the A708

a) Regularly	
b) Occasionally	
c) Never/ Very Infrequently	

3. How frequently do you cycle or walk on the A708

a) Regularly	
b) Occasionally	
c) Never/ Very Infrequently	

4. Would you be supportive of a reduction in the speed limit to 50mph over the length of the A708 to and potentially beyond the D&G Border

a) Yes	
b) No	
c) Uncertain	

5. If you answered No or Uncertain to the previous question, was your answer influenced by the visual intrusion of the required signage

a) Yes	
b) No	

6. Do you feel that tourism would be adversely affected if the Council was to proceed with the promotion of a 50mph speed limit on the A708.

a) Yes	
b) No	
c) Uncertain	

7. The Council does not receive data on accidents which do not involve personal injury. Are you aware of any locations on the route that vehicles are leaving the carriageway?

8. Do you feel that there is merit in providing localised speed limits at specific locations rather than the entire route? Please remain mindful that the pattern of accident shows them occurring sporadically over the length of the route.



**Please return the completed questionnaire by Friday 22 July 2011.**

**Please only provide one completed questionnaire per household.**

If you know of any neighbours living on the A708 corridor who have not been issued with a questionnaire, please advise them of the availability online or from the address below.

This questionnaire is also available online and can be accessed via the consultations portal on the Scottish Borders Council website [www.scotborders.gov.uk](http://www.scotborders.gov.uk)

Additional hard copies of this questionnaire are available from:

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