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The following comments have been received from Alan Givan, Elected Member for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

1. I feel to reduce the overall speed limit from 30 – 20 mph in residential areas where there is street lighting, as defined in the Bill, is not practical or necessary.
2. Speed is primarily determined by the conditions on the road at a given time and 20mph could be much too fast.
3. Affective policing of the 30 mph speed limit is I believe all that is necessary. A driver can be deemed to be driving carelessly or dangerously even at 20 mph depending on the conditions as judged by a policeman.
4. Reducing the limit to 20 mph I fear would cause great frustration and resentment to motorists, particularly outside of peak hours.
5. We all have great sympathy with the issue of road safety and would love to see a great reduction in road fatalities but as was the case in Railway Street, Lisburn, in March 2014 where we had a tragic fatality when Diarmuid Frazer, a six year old boy, lost this life, even when the driver was driving at a slow speed.
6. I think statistics would provide that the majority of road fatalities occur in the rural environment. Perhaps improved signage and more pedestrian crossing outside schools etc., would make our road a safer environment for all users.

The following comments have been received from Tommy Jeffers, Elected Member for Lisburn & Castlereagh City Council.

It is felt that where necessary a speed restriction of 20 mph should be imposed. This would be considered particularly important in areas where schools are located. It may also be necessary to consider other relevant areas where representation is made by a community

who have evidence based reasons for imposing such a restriction.

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