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Dear Claire,

Increasing Speed Limits for Heavy Goods Vehicles over 7.5 tonnes on Dual Carriageways

The BVRLA welcomes the opportunity to comment on Department for Transport's (DfT) consultation to increase speed limits for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) over 7.5 tonnes on dual carriageways.

The BVRLA is pleased that the department has recognised that HGV's travelling at slower speeds to other vehicles is outdated and that updating speed limits will help to enhance enforcement and simplify the current process for both the enforcement agencies and motorists.

We therefore support the proposals to:

- Increase the speed limit on dual carriageways to 60mph for HGV's over 7.5 tonnes

The BVRLA welcomes the change in speed limits from 50mph to 60mph on dual carriageways. A national speed limit to 60mph for HGV's on dual carriageways will help ease congestion and traffic flow for drivers and HGV's. It will also reduce the current problems associated with effective enforcement faced by the various bodies.

In addition, 60mph on dual carriageways will enhance compliance for responsible drivers without compromising road safety. In addition, raising the speed limit will have a positive impact on the economy as users of HGV's productivity is improved and helps to reduce road congestion as the general flow of traffic is improved. We note the DfT's approach towards driver conduct regarding offending the proposed speed limit. However, we would seek clarification of the proposed rigorous and systematic approach that would be taken in driver conduct proceedings of offenders. We suggest ahead of the change that warnings are issued and for 6-8 months after rather than an automatic penalty, as those involved in the HGV industry may not be aware of the changes or new penalties.

We are disappointed that the DfT ran the consultation for an increase in speed limits on single carriageways and the consultation on speed increase for dual carriageways as two separate consultations as we believe it would have been more efficient to consult on both at the same time.

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We welcome the opportunity to comment on the DfT's consultation and hope the relationship between the department and Association will continue to add value in the continued development of the road network.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jay Parmar', is written in a cursive style.

Jay Parmar
Director of Policy & Membership

Bona-fides BVRLA, the industry and its members

- Established in 1967, the British Vehicle Rental and Leasing Association is the UK trade body for companies engaged in the rental and leasing of cars and commercial vehicles. Its members operate a combined fleet of 3.4 million cars, vans and trucks.
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- By consulting with government and maintaining industry standards, the BVRLA helps its members deliver safe, sustainable and affordable road transport to millions of consumers and businesses. For more information, visit www.bvrla.co.uk.