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Dear Councillors,

I attach a copy of my letter in this week's Hampshire Chronicle about the proposed 350,000 trials of 20mph areas in Winchester. I need not repeat here the points I make in that letter.

Since I last wrote to you, several years ago, mostly about false claims made for speed camera benefit I have set up a web site www.fightbackwithfacts.com which contains a great deal but not yet all of the information and analysis I have found and carried out over many thousands of hours over the last twelve years.

If you are interested or involved in road safety policy and spending decisions you might for example be interested in

<http://www.fightbackwithfacts.com/portsmouths-20mph-area/> which exposes how Portsmouth's 20mph results were misrepresented as success when in fact they were for the most part worse or much worse than elsewhere. I am currently asking for the 3rd year results which, as my letter points out, have not been issued.

or

<http://www.fightbackwithfacts.com/humberside-safer-roads-false-claims/> which fully documents how Safer Roads Humber still refuse to withdraw patently false claims of speed camera benefit, an issue over which my formal complaints are still on-going. Incidentally, you will find in Document 51 of the list at the bottom of that web page email confirmation from Hampshire Police that they the many other factors involved at speed camera sites make it impossible to identify the effect of the cameras alone - food for thought as they nevertheless spend a great deal of money operating them since (very sensibly and as understand it) Hampshire Councils stopped funding them?

To the extent that Councils across the country may have been misled by 20's Plenty's no doubt well-meaning but nevertheless seriously misleading propaganda, you should find <http://www.fightbackwithfacts.com/20s-plenty-nonsense/> helpful, exposing as it does much of their assessment as little better than wishful thinking, and quite possibly counter-productive. With more to be added shortly.

I hope that you will find these and other pages on the web site of interest, exposing as they do large numbers of at best incompetent and at worst deliberately misleading and hopelessly optimistic claims for road safety policies financed with public money.

If you are unable to find any particular point about which you wish to know more, and cannot find it on the web site, please do not hesitate to contact me. I should perhaps mention that I have no commercial interests whatever in these subjects, and I give a great deal of my time to this work only in an attempt to improve road safety.

Yours Sincerely,

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