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Mr Simon Richards  
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Dear Simon,

**Re: Speed limit for cyclists in Richmond Park**

I am writing to secure some clarity on the issue of whether cyclists in Richmond Park must adhere to a speed limit.

As I am sure you have seen, there's recently been some debate around whether or not they, like motorists, must stick to 20mph. Following a Freedom of Information request, a cycling campaigner is now claiming that the limit does not apply to them. By implication, this now calls into question the legality of the fines which have historically been handed out by the police to certain cyclists.

On the other hand, I am concerned that if this is true, this could lead to considerable anxiety amongst pedestrians – particularly those with mobility issues and those accompanied by small children – who feel that a complete absence of speeding regulation will come at the expense of their ability to safely enjoy the park.

With that in mind, I would be grateful for any clarity you could provide on the matter.

Yours sincerely

Sarah Olney  
Member of Parliament for Richmond Park