

ty summit predicts s from new car tech

benefits and challenges, say experts ■ But Govt relaxes focus on young driver safety

insider told us they think it's unlikely to happen at all as restricting young drivers is politically sensitive. When questioned about graduated licences, Goodwill said: "This has an economic knock-on effect and reduces opportunities for young people, especially in rural areas."

The summit also touched on autonomous driving, and although the views were largely positive, all speakers questioned legislation and laws. Chief Constable Suzette Davenport, Association of Chief Police Officers national roads policing lead, questioned how the rules would work regarding drink-driving and licences in these vehicles. But she said: "Remote stopping will be a real benefit. We have to balance the risk of pursuing people if they're doing something wrong."

However, she also said legislation needs to be brought up to date for current technology, such as Internet in cars and the impending arrival of Google Glass.

Drink and drug-driving dominated, and Goodwill said by 2015 the Government



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hopes to have new drug screeners to coincide with the fresh offence of driving under the influence of drugs.

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Meanwhile, shadow minister Burden called for road safety targets to be reintroduced, after they were scrapped by the Government, and for funding to be ring-fenced for safety schemes at a local level to ensure it isn't spent on other departments.

He also demanded changes to road haulage safety, including more truck stops and looking at how other countries use restrictions on when haulage companies deliver goods.



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Third of a million killed or injured on UK road by 2030

A THIRD of a million people will be killed or seriously injured (KSI) on British roads up to 2030, costing society £110 billion, claims a new report from a Government safety

group. Yet the statistics – produced for the Parliamentary Advisory Committee for Transport Safety (Pacts) – suggest a future improvement. The report predicts a drop in KSIs, with all road

deaths likely to fall from 1,754 in 2012 to 1,000 a year in 2030.

Serious injuries are expected to be halved, too, with slight injuries also likely to drop by 20,000.

£500 Government autobrake grant

a £500 grant for anyone buying a car with the kit. At present, 23 per cent of new cars either have it fitted as an option or standard. But less than 10 per cent of buyers opt for it.

An insider explained that the idea had been presented to road ministers in Government and that while they had been receptive to it, they questioned where the money for such an incentive could come from.

"A responsible driver who pays extra to reduce the

potential impact of their car should benefit from a helping hand from the Government," explained Thatcham chief executive Peter Shaw.

"The time is right to demonstrate to consumers that vehicles with AEB should be their natural choice, and we calculate that with a £500 cash incentive – about half the additional cost of the AEB system – the Government would be meeting the motorist halfway."



Volvo has led way on AEB; grant would boost take-up