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Dear *David*

Thank you for your letter of 26 January to the Prime Minister, about the wearing of seat belts. I am replying as the Minister for Roads and Local Transport.

The Government is committed to improving the safety of our roads. Every death and injury is a tragedy for the families and communities affected and we are working hard to implement policies to help reduce the number of casualties on our roads.

Since wearing a seatbelt became mandatory, the number of people killed in road accidents has declined. However, despite their high use, in 2021 we know that 30% of all car occupants killed were not wearing a seat belt, which is why we continue to remind everyone that wearing a seat belt saves lives, is required by the law and is one of the most important ways to protect yourself from serious injury.

We are also considering a Call for Evidence on Motoring Offences. While the scope and timings are being worked on, we would expect it to include drink and drug driving, failure to stop and report and non-seat belt use. And the opportunity to raise other issues.

Best wishes,

RICHARD HOLDEN MP

MINISTER FOR ROADS AND LOCAL TRANSPORT