



20mph

CREATING A BETTER SAFER EDINBURGH

We want to make Edinburgh a better and safer place to live, work and play.

That's why on 13 January 2015 Councillors approved a new speed limit network for Edinburgh after three years of consultation and research. The public consultation from June to October 2014 attracted almost 3000 responses from individuals and organisations representing a wide and varied audience.

The consultation led to a number of roads remaining at 30mph such as Queensferry Road and London Road. Further information regarding the consultation can be found on the 20mph webpage.

Key features of the network are:

- Residential roads, shopping streets, as well as the city centre, are now included as 20mph roads
- The retention of a coherent and connected network of 30mph and 40mph.

Each street changing has been selected on robust criteria agreed with key stakeholders including Police Scotland, bus operators, community groups and organisations.



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Find out more at
www.edinburgh.gov.uk/20mph
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Next steps

Further details of the implementation plan will be submitted to the Transport and Environment Committee on 17 March 2015. The statutory consultation process for a Speed Limit Order (SLO) commences in April 2015. Details of the SLO will be advertised in the press and by erecting notices on every affected street.

“lowering urban speed limits to 20mph reduces the number of accidents on the roads”
(The Scotsman, 16 January 2015)

“The 20mph roll-out is something that Edinburgh wants, and that Edinburgh needs. Bring it on!”
(Sara Dorman, Active Travel champion)

“20mph will create a better ambience in the city centre, increasing footfall and bringing economic benefits for businesses” *(Portobello business owner)*

2012 –
Edinburgh
People’s Survey
strong support
for 20mph

2012/3 – Pilot
Project in South
Edinburgh

2014 – Local
Transport Strategy
approved. Feedback
helps to shape
20mph network

2014 – Transport
Forum meet to
finalise criteria for
20mph network

June 2014 – Draft
20mph network
approved for
public
consultation

June to Oct 2014
– public
consultation

Jan 2015 –
20mph network
approved by
Transport &
Environment Ctte

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Key facts

- **Road safety:** Driving more slowly reduces the number and severity of casualties.
- **Liveability:** Calmer road speeds contribute to less traffic congestion, better health, less noise, more social interaction and stronger communities.
- **Active travel:** Lower speed limits encourage people of all ages to feel more confident about walking and cycling.
- **Enforcement:** 20mph speed limits will be enforced in the same way as the existing 30mph limits in the city. We will be working to change driver behaviour through education, awareness raising and prevention activities.
- **Bus journey times:** We have been working with Lothian Buses and other bus operators and the impact on bus journey times is expected to be minimal.
- **Impact on the environment:** Studies have so far not conclusively proven either a positive or negative effect on emissions: driving at 20mph causes some emissions to rise slightly and some to fall.
- **Impact on motorists:** We are not stopping people from driving. Research from other cities suggests that journey times will not significantly increase due to the stop start nature of city streets. Research also indicates that vehicles flow more smoothly through junctions at slower speeds.
- **Traffic calming:** The new limit will be introduced without traffic calming.

