

Edinburgh Approves 20mph for 80+% of Roads

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Extensive 20mph limit plans have been voted through by Edinburgh's Councillors. Implementation starts in late 2015 for residential roads and shopping areas. It will be completed in phases over the next 3 years.

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20mph limits are increasingly endorsed across the UK and will become the normal speed limit for Edinburgh. 20mph is safer, healthier, more active, friendlier, cleaner, quieter, better for equalities, better for business and makes no significant impact on overall journey times.

Edinburgh's proposals cover over 80% of roads including the whole city centre and will be implemented over 3 years. Other positive news on 20mph this month from Scotland is the new guidance from Transport Scotland¹ which further supports 20mph limits and commits to speed reduction. It also ends its support for advisory limits and instead recommends that all 20mph limits should be mandatory.

Rod King MBE said "Edinburgh is part of a developing consensus within our iconic cities and urban areas that a 30mph limit is no longer appropriate for most roads. It becomes the first UK capital city to lay out a plan for the city default limit to be 20mph with exceptions only where justified. With most of inner London, Birmingham, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford, Cambridge, Nottingham, Lancaster, Liverpool, York, Bristol, Bath, Brighton, Leicester, Lancashire, Sefton, Calderdale, Warrington and many more places adopting similar strategies the UK governments should start a planned transition to 20mph as the default for all urban and village roads."

Full details of the Edinburgh proposals and myth buster is at

http://www.edinburgh.gov.uk/news/article/1743/busting_the_myths_around_edinburghs_20mph_roll-out

Details of the positive Edinburgh trial results are at <http://www.20splentyforus.org.uk/PRel/Edinburgh.pdf>

The 20's Plenty for Us press release on Transport Scotland's new 20mph guidance is at

<http://www.20splentyforus.org.uk/PRel/Scotland20mphGuidance.pdf>

The National 20mph conference on Thursday 12 March in Cambridge features the top UK experts from councils, public health, academia, equalities, social marketing, campaigning and more. There will be case studies on implementations in Liverpool, Manchester, Calderdale and Cambridge.

Chris Boardman MBE is representing cycling and Joe Irvine CEO of Living Streets for pedestrians. Rod King MBE (for services to Road Safety) of 20's Plenty for Us has programmed the day. It is a Landor conference supported by Cambridge City Council.

Early booking discount is to 17th Feb and second delegate rate is £125. Full details and booking via

<https://www.transportxtra.com/events/events/?id=2266>

¹ <http://www.transportscotland.gov.uk/system/files/documents/guides/20%20mph%20Good%20Practice%20Guide%20-%2019%20December%202014%20-%20Version%20to%20be%20published.pdf>

20's Plenty For Us campaigns for a 20mph default speed limit on urban and village streets.

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