

Press Release

York to implement 20 mph without calming in Fishergate as a pilot for city-wide scheme.

20's Plenty



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The 20's Plenty For Us local campaign in York celebrates success in Fishergate.

Fishergate residents were recently consulted on 20mph speed limits on 7 streets. A clear majority of 70.5% voted for 20mph speed limit for Grange St, Grange Garth, Rosedale St, Levisham St, Hartoft St, Farndale St and Lastingham Terrace. There was a 49% response rate. 25.9% voted No and 3.6% said they didn't know.

Anna Semlyen, a Grange St resident who asked for the 20mph limit said

"This is a fantastic turnout and clear mandate for 20mph residential streets. No humps will be put in and everyone will benefit. Our streets will be safer, quieter and more livable. Slower speeds are proven to enhance community and local friendships. Plus, the high turn out and overwhelming result strengthens the argument for 20mph residential streets city wide."

The high turn out rate of almost 50% speaks volumes for this issue, given that some of the streets have a high percentage of buy to let properties. The majority of families will have voted. One of the arguments against was that speeds were already quite low. However, since average speeds were over 23mph. the reduction in speed limits from 30mph down to 20mph or below does make a significant difference to pedestrian and cyclist safety because every 1mph lower reduces the number and severity of injuries and crashes by 3-6%.

A petition submitted by Councillor Ruth Potter went in this winter to ask for 20's Plenty citywide. The Fishergate scheme is a pilot of this. A blanket 20mph citywide has already been agreed or piloted for Portsmouth, Newcastle upon Tyne, Oxford, Leicester, Norwich, Warrington, Bristol, Islington and many other places.

Rod King, founder of 20's Plenty For Us said :-

"Communities continue to demonstrate that they are in favour of 20 mph as the correct speed limit for residential streets. It is great to see that throughout the country local authorities are responding to this sensible and practical initiative."

Editor's Note :- Please use attached picture where permission has been given by all parents concerned. This was used on the front of Fishergate Ward Newsletter and features Anna Semlyen and Sonia Perry, local residents and Sonia's boys Alfie and Danny Moorland, plus Anna's fiancée's children Howard and Oscar Redwood Smith.

20's Plenty For Us campaigns for a 20mph default speed limits in residential streets without physical calming.

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