

Police Toughen 20mph Limit Enforcement Guidance

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The Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) have toughened up guidance on enforcing 20mph limits. Speed offences where people live will not be tolerated. Better enforcement both increases compliance and the safety of the UK's streets.



ACPO have issued new guidance to forces on how to police 20mph roads¹. This comes in response to the dramatically increasing number of places democratically agreeing wide area 20mph limits plus requests from Transport Ministers, the Get Britain Cycling Enquiry and many campaigners.

Officers could soon hand out a speeding ticket and three points or offer drivers an education course and therefore avoid points on the licence.

Under the guidelines, motorists caught driving between 24mph and 31mph would be offered the speed awareness course or a fixed penalty notice fine.

If drivers were travelling up to 34mph, they could be fined, and if they were speeding at 35mph or more they would be reported to the courts.

Already over 12m people live in places like Birmingham, Manchester, Liverpool and the City of London where 20mph limits will cover the majority of roads.

Founder of 20's Plenty for Us, Rod King MBE, commented :-

"This is very timely as many of our cities are rejecting the 30mph limits for most roads in favour of a life-enhancing 20mph limit that is becoming the norm rather than the exception. Whilst compliance comes from people understanding the benefits that come to communities when we all drive below 20, the police play an important role in endorsing that through enforcement. Good policing comes from responding to communities and elected representative wishes and the overwhelming number of those want the police to play an active role in making those communities safer, more liveable and secure."

20's Plenty for Us National Campaign Manager Anna Semlyen said

"20mph limits are law. Bad drivers can and should be made accountable for their actions. Speeding is anti-social, incredibly dangerous and warrants dealing with strictly. Tougher local roads policing is good news for everyone, especially the young and vulnerable."

Our 'Time for 20' initiative asks the Department for Transport to allow authorities to sign exceptions to 20mph limits which cuts the cost of implementing 20mph limits by up to 50%. http://www.20splentyforus.org.uk/its_time_for_20.htm

Our 209 20's Plenty for Us campaign branches are at http://www.20splentyforus.org.uk/local_campaigns.htm

Our 35 Briefing Sheets on 20mph limits are at <http://www.20splentyforus.org.uk/briefings.htm>

¹ See <http://www.acpo.presscentre.com/Press-Releases/ACPO-marks-refreshing-of-speed-enforcement-guidance-26e.aspx>

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

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