

20's Plenty For Us - Press Release

20's Plenty For Us launches "20's Plenty by 2010" campaign with day of action on 20th October.

20's Plenty



Where People Live

20's Plenty For Us launches a major campaign for all towns and cities to set 20 mph as the default speed limit for residential roads by 2010.

With Portsmouth already the first city in the country to implement 20 mph on nearly all its residential roads, this is being followed by Norwich and Oxford who have decided upon similar proposals. At the same time many other local authorities are considering how they can use the recent changes in government guidelines on setting speed limits to allow them to do the same on their residential roads without using physical calming.

By focussing on residential roads for 20 mph across the whole authority and leaving arterial roads to be set at higher speeds where the traffic authority deem it safe, this scheme maximises the benefits for all road users on the streets. With most residents being within 1/3rd mile of an arterial road then journey times increase by just a few seconds at most.

As it becomes clear that the vast majority of people in the UK want 20 mph limits for residential roads, 20's Plenty For Us is calling on all communities to press for 20 mph as the default in their local authority for residential streets. It wants to see the majority of councils making this move by 2010.

In order to highlight this, 20's Plenty For Us is adopting 20th October (20/10) as a day of action for communities to bring to their council's attention the benefits to quality of life which come from this move.

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

"Lower speeds only have a marginal effect on journey times, yet create a quieter street with less pollution and far greater safety for vulnerable road users. At 20 mph our streets become community public spaces where all road users can benefit from equitably interacting and sharing the road. Most people support 20 mph for residential streets and we now need local authorities to respond to that demand and changing culture to provide a safe environment for their children and adults to walk and cycle as well as drive.

We are calling for all Local Authorities to introduce 20's Plenty by 2010 and the 20th October each year will become our day for community action."

20's Plenty For Us is a growing voluntary organisation that has supporting 20 mph campaigns throughout the country. 20's Plenty For Us Campaigners in London, Oxford, Richmond upon Thames, Northampton, Birstall, Wolverhampton, Bristol, Manchester, York, Belfast, Warrington, Sheffield, Cambridge and Southwell are all liaising with their traffic authorities to deliver a better quality of life for residents through lowering speeds in residential roads.

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

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