

## **Borough wide 20mph limit – Frequently Asked Questions**

### **Is this the first 20mph limit in the country?**

Islington is the first London borough to introduce a 20mph speed limit to all side roads.

### **Why a 20mph limit?**

We consulted with residents and 61% of you told us you wanted a 20mph speed limit for Islington. Reducing the speed limit to 20mph will have a direct impact on pedestrian safety and is one of the main reasons the council want to introduce the scheme throughout the borough.

### **Does this mean more speed humps?**

No more speed humps will be installed as part of the 20mph limit scheme, just signs and road markings.

### **Why no speed humps or cameras?**

The areas in Islington with the highest speeds and accidents already have humps. We feel that we can reduce speed limits in the remaining areas without humps and cameras.

### **Will 20mph limit make Islington safer?**

Yes, research shows that if a pedestrian is struck by a vehicle driving at 20mph, they are likely to suffer slight injuries. If struck at 30mph they would be severely hurt, and if they are struck at 40mph or above they are likely to be killed.

According to the Department of Transport, an average 1mph reduction in vehicle speed can be expected to cut crash frequency by around 5%.

### **Will 20mph limit make Islington greener?**

Yes, we believe so, however the main aim is to make Islington safer and a more pleasant place for residents to live.

### **People always speed down my road, what can I do?**

If you are concerned about speeding in your area, please report it to your local Safer Neighbourhoods police team. Police can carry out additional enforcement in the area and the council can also discuss with you and your community other ways we can tackle this, such as humps or flashing speed signs.

### **What happens if people don't obey the speed limit?**

Speeding is a criminal offence. We hope people will respect the signs as anyone caught speeding could be prosecuted. The police will enforce the 20mph speed limit in the same way the current 30mph speed limit is enforced.

### **Why isn't the 20mph limit in my road?**

The borough wide 20mph speed limit scheme only applies to the more minor roads and does not include main roads through the borough. These roads

are designed to carry large volumes of traffic through the borough and we need to follow to Department for Transport guidelines where roads that are considered too important as distributor roads and which carry too much traffic at certain speeds, do not meet their criteria for inclusion.

**How will I know which roads are included?**

Streets with a 20mph limit will be clearly signposted. To find out which roads are included, see this map:

[http://www.islington.gov.uk/DownloadableDocuments/TransportandStreets/Pdf/TrafficSchemes/Boroughwide\\_20\\_mph\\_limit\\_area\\_plan.pdf](http://www.islington.gov.uk/DownloadableDocuments/TransportandStreets/Pdf/TrafficSchemes/Boroughwide_20_mph_limit_area_plan.pdf)

**When will the 20mph limit come to my area?**

See this link for more details:

[http://www.islington.gov.uk/Transport/RoadsAndParking/street\\_improvements/20mph\\_limit.asp](http://www.islington.gov.uk/Transport/RoadsAndParking/street_improvements/20mph_limit.asp)