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20 MPH Policy Guidelines

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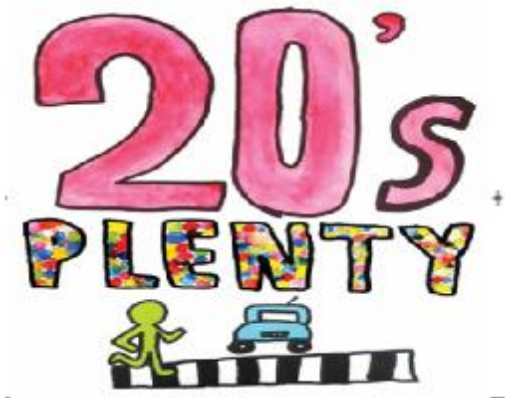


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Fact and ECC Policy

- Essex County Council Speed Management Strategy
- Department for Transport Circular 01/2013
- Research into signed only 20mph limits shows that they generally lead to only small reductions in traffic Speeds. (DfT circular 01/2013) Portsmouth.
- Can mix and match 20mph by limit and 20mph by Zone PROVIDING the signing is correct.
- Essex Cabinet Member has confirmed that the objective is that “any 20mph restriction should be self-enforcing” (letter to all members May 2013)



20 MPH Limit



- The current policy allows for the consideration of 20mph limits on local roads if mean speeds are below 29 mph*
- **20MPH Speed Limits may be considered on PR2 routes with the agreement of the Traffic Manager and Cabinet Member**
- Physical Traffic calming measures will not be installed as part of a 20 mph Limit.
- DfT guidance Signed only 20mph speed limits are most appropriate for areas where vehicles speeds are already low with mean speeds at or below 24 mph
- Terminal and repeater signs are required.

20mph Zones



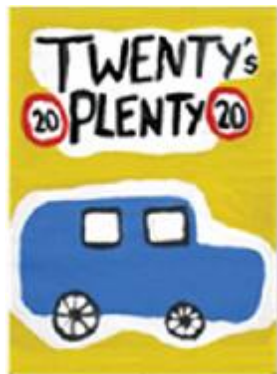
- 20 MPH Zones very effective at reducing collisions and injury
- 20MPH Zones require traffic calming e.g. speed humps, chicanes
- Recommended by DfT that they are applied over an area consisting of several roads
- Identified by a 20 MPH Zone Entry and Exit Sign
- **No point within the Zone must be further than 50 metres from a Traffic Calming Feature.**



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20's Plenty



- Signs look as though they were designed by children and not official or mandatory.
- We need proper 20 mph signs.
- 20's Plenty should be law.

Conclusion most effective when engaging with Road Safety Officers and the children to produce a learning experience. Cost £2,000 a school (RS not factored in)

Advisory 20 mph Signs



No Speed Limit Order Required

Advisory only non enforceable

MUST NOT OPERATE OUTSIDE SCHOOL TERM TIMES

Information

- **What is the issue/Problem**
- **Speed**
 - What surveys have been taken
- **Collisions**
 - Collision Data
 - Causation factors
- **Clutter**
 - Repeater signs

Thank You

