

Factsheet on...

20 MPH Limits

Why Is A 20 MPH Speed Limit Necessary?

The Greater Manchester Health Commission supports the implementation of a 20 miles per hour speed limit, to reduce the number of deaths and serious injuries in Greater Manchester.

20 mph limits, rather than zones, are recognised as being far more cost effective and, when implemented across the area covered by a Council, encourage community wide conformity.

In Britain more than half of all road deaths and serious injuries occur on roads with 30 mph limits.

Speed limits on Britain's urban roads are 60% higher than Europe - 30 mph compared to 18.6 mph.

At 22.5%, Britain has the highest percentage of pedestrian road fatalities in Europe.

Britain has one of the lowest levels of children walking or cycling to school in Europe.

British parents consistently say that traffic speed is the main reason why they don't allow their children to cycle or walk to school.

Lowering urban and residential speed limits to 20 mph has been found to increase an urban journey time by a maximum of just 40 seconds.

The Transport Research Laboratory found that lowering urban and residential speed limits to 20 mph decreased child pedestrian accidents by up to 70%.

National Institute for Health and Clinical Excellence (NICE) guidance on preventing unintentional injuries among under-15s recommends that local authorities implement city or town-wide 20 mph limits and zones on appropriate roads.

In the British Social Attitudes Survey, conducted in 2005, 75% of those questioned were in favour of 20 mph limits for residential speeds.

What is the Greater Manchester Health Commission Doing?

The Greater Manchester Health Commission is supporting the implementation of 20 miles per hour speed limits. It has supported the 20 mph limits within the Healthy Weight 'Big Ideas' and in its submission to the Local Transport Plan 3.

For more information please contact:

Andrew Burridge, Policy and Programme Manager (Association of Greater Manchester Authorities)

Telephone: 07903 071562

email: a.burridge@agma.gov.uk

www.greatermanchesterhealth.org.uk



·A·G·M·A·
ASSOCIATION OF
GREATER MANCHESTER
AUTHORITIES.



The Association of Greater Manchester
Primary Care Trusts