



NEW SPEED  
LIMITS FOR  
EDINBURGH

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## THE SPEED LIMIT ON MANY OF EDINBURGH'S STREETS IS CHANGING FROM 30 MILES PER HOUR TO 20 MILES PER HOUR.

Around 50% of Edinburgh's streets already have a 20mph limit. The project extends the 20mph speed limit to the city centre, main shopping streets and residential areas while retaining a strategic network of roads at 30mph and 40mph. Councillors approved the new speed limit network in January 2015 after three years of public consultation and research.

### Why 20mph?

We want to make Edinburgh a better and safer place to live, work, visit and play. Slower speeds are safer for all. Traffic speed is often too fast on our residential and local shopping streets. This can be a barrier to walking and cycling and increase the risk and severity of accidents.

Reducing traffic speed helps people feel more confident about using their local streets. It is safer for children to walk to school, while older people feel more able to travel independently and safely. Calmer road speeds lead to better health, less noise, more social interaction and stronger communities.

### How will I know I am in a 20mph area?

Large signs will mark the entrance and exit of the new 20mph areas. There will also be smaller repeater signs or road markings.

RURAL WEST  
(South Queensferry, Kirkliston,  
Ratho, Currie and Balerno)  
**31 July 2016**

NORTH WEST  
**31 July 2017**

NORTH  
**28 February 2017**

WEST  
**31 July 2017**

CITY CENTRE  
**31 July 2016**

SOUTH CENTRAL/EAST  
**28 February 2017**

SOUTH  
**31 January 2018**



**20MPH GO LIVE  
DATES ACROSS  
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## Did you know?

- Pedestrians are 7 times less likely to be fatally injured if hit by a car at 20mph compared to 30mph
- 20mph creates a better environment for people to walk and cycle
- 20mph neighbourhoods have higher levels of social interaction
- 20mph streets allow children to play outside safely and be more physically active
- 20mph streets have less traffic noise
- 20mph encourages a smoother driving style with less stopping and starting leading to reductions in emissions and fuel consumption
- 20mph is designed to be self-enforcing with no new speed humps
- 20mph gives drivers more time to react
- Research shows that every 1mph reduction in average speeds is likely to result in a 6% fall in the number of casualties
- Police Scotland are supportive of lower speeds and are working with the Council to achieve this
- Impact on car journey times is expected to be minimal with no significant change to bus journey times
- Businesses can benefit from a more pleasant environment for shopping, work and leisure.

## Further information

A detailed map of the 20mph network and implementation timetable is available at:

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