

MAKING SOUTHWARK A 20MPH BOROUGH



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Dear Chief Constable Davenport,

I write to inform you that Southwark Council has recently passed a motion agreeing to become a 20mph Borough and we are currently working on implementing 20mph limits on all roads for which Southwark is the highway authority.

It is proposed to extend the current coverage of 20mph limits using a signage only approach whilst ensuring that comprehensive monitoring is undertaken and a targeted programme of physical interventions introduced in future years where there is a need. In addition there will also be a publicity and communication programme to raise awareness, encourage better driver behaviour and improve support for and compliance with the limits

The Council is convinced that implementing a borough wide scheme has the potential for road casualty reduction, will have positive impacts on sustainable travel such as walking and cycling and help to improve air quality.

I am pleased to note that your recently updated ACPO Speed Enforcement Policy Guidelines 2011 – 2017: Joining Forces for Safer Roads advises that the police service support all appropriate speed limits where there is a proven need, the limit is clear, looking and feeling like the limit and motorists have the ability to comply.

I would, however, call on ACPO to encourage their members to commit more resources for the enforcement of 20mph speed limits and to engage in more meaningful dialogue with local highway authorities.

Yours sincerely

Cllr Barrie Hargrove
Cabinet Member for Transport Environment and Recycling

c.c. Borough Commander , Southwark Police