

FEEDBACK REQUIRED – IS 20 PLENTY?



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Rampton Parish Council are seeking feedback to gauge residents' support for implementing 20mph zones within Rampton.

The latest round of funding to install 20mph zones has opened. Rampton Parish Council would like to hear residents' ideas and thoughts.

Public participation is an important element to the application and we welcome everyone to get involved.

Do we need a 20mph limit? Which areas of the village should be covered by a reduced speed limit? How do you think the restriction is best implemented for our village?

Have your say by letting us know by emailing ramptonparishclerk@gmail.com - with a subject line "20s Plenty"

Further detail can be found here: <https://rampton.org/projects/>

Why 20mph?

Introducing a 20 mph speed limit on our roads has a range of anticipated benefits.

- Research by the UK Transport Research Laboratory has shown that every 1mph reduction in average urban speeds can result in a six percent fall in the number of casualties. It's also been shown that you are seven times more likely to survive if you are hit by a car driving at 20mph, than if you are hit at 30mph. If a child suddenly steps in front of a car, you are much less likely to seriously injure or kill them if you keep to a 20mph limit.
- Research indicates that people are much more likely to walk or cycle when vehicle speeds are lower as they feel safer. The installation of 20mph zones or limits, especially in urbanised areas is expected to have positive impacts on the amount of people walking, cycling or horse riding. This has additional benefits to the environment as well as lowering the speed limit could encourage more people to use non-motorised means for shorter journeys such as walking to school or visiting the shop.
- Research shows that slower speeds encourage a smoother driving style with less stopping and starting which helps traffic to flow. Evidence from other areas shows that slower speeds encourage more people to walk and cycle.

- Driving at 20mph causes some vehicular emissions to rise slightly (mainly Heavy Goods Vehicles) and some (car) to fall. Reduced acceleration and braking will help to reduce fuel consumption and the associated particulate emissions from items such as tires and brakes.

How would a 20mph be implemented?

Signs and lines will be installed in line with current traffic and road safety manuals. If a new area is changing to 20mph local residents will be informed in advance. Signs will mark the entrance and exits of a 20mph area where the speed limit changes. Smaller repeat signs or on road markings will supplement these signs.

Funding opportunities

Cambridgeshire County Council have created an annual 20mph funding programme to install either 20mph zones or limits countywide. This is open to town and parish councils. Once an application has been submitted, it will be prioritised and scored by officers. This will produce a long list which will then be worked through until all the schemes applied for have all been delivered.

For this scheme specific areas will be considered for a 20mph limit. In general, these will be areas with features that justify the lower speed limit for driving, for example, an area that has:

- evidence of traffic incidents or potential dangers within an existing 30/40mph
- vulnerable road users e.g. pedestrians (of all ability), cyclists, equestrian users and motorcyclists
- visible homes, shops, and business frontages
- a school or a school route
- a cycling route
- a quiet lane designation
- an area that would benefit from more active travel such as cycling and walking

Process

We are requesting that feedback be provided to the Parish Council by Friday 21st April. This will allow us to make the application deadline. If successful with the opportunity, we anticipate working on detailed design and a formal consultation between September 2023 and March 2024. If agreed upon construction would then go proceed between March to July 2024.

Frequently Asked Questions

Has the Parish Council decided to implement 20mph speed limits in Rampton?

The Parish Council has not designed or approved any scheme yet. However, issues around traffic and vehicles speeding in the village are consistently among the top subjects raised with the Parish Council by residents.

What's the difference between a 20mph limit and a 20mph zone?

A 20mph limit is applied to a stretch of road and is marked by signs and sometimes road markings. A 20mph zone covers a number of linked roads within an area and usually incorporates traffic calming measures in addition to signs and markings.

What does Cambridgeshire County Council think of 20mph?

Cambridgeshire County Council has announced that it considers 20mph to be the default speed limit for its rural villages, however it is up to the villages to decide whether it is required for their locale. The County Council is developing a policy to support Parish Councils that wish to implement a 20mph scheme.