

EU citizens call for 20mph to become the accepted normal urban speed limit

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20mph speed limits are to be the subject of one of the first of the new European Citizens Initiatives which brings community issues right to the centre of European government.

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20's Plenty for Us are delighted to be collaborating with other organisations throughout Europe. We are using the new European Citizen's Initiative (ECI)¹ **"30kmh – making streets liveable!"** to call attention to the community popularity of 20mph/30kmh speed limits for urban and residential roads and for this to be seriously considered by the EU Commission.

The initiative calls for 20mph/30kmh limits to become the accepted norm for urban and residential streets with local authorities able to make exceptions where it is deemed that pedestrian and cyclist safety has been alternatively provided for.

20's Plenty for Us are on the "citizen's committee" which has submitted the ECI to the EU. Once validated as meeting the appropriate regulations (expected to take 2 months) then the committee will have 1 year to gain a minimum of 1m signatures (on paper or on-line) across at least 7 EU countries, including a minimum of 54,750 in the UK.

Already over 8m people in some of the UK's most iconic cities live in communities that have adopted this policy and have decided that 30mph limits are inappropriate for most of their roads². Besides having 156 local campaign branches around the UK, 20's Plenty for Us works with many community, health, transport and safety organisations across the private, public and voluntary sectors and will now be co-ordinating UK support for this initiative.

Rod King, Founder of 20's Plenty for Us and one of the members of the citizen's committee commented:-

"Many local authorities have made great progress in implementing 20mph speed limits in the UK for residential and urban streets. This important EU initiative goes further and recognises the universal aspiration of citizens and communities to enjoy the public space between their houses and share it equitably for motorists, pedestrians and cyclists.

'30kmh – making streets liveable' is an excellent use of this new EU process and we look forward to working with supporters throughout UK and EU to make all our places better places to be"

For more information on the initiative see www.30kmh.eu or contact 20's Plenty for Us

¹ <http://en.30kmh.eu/the-initiative/the-european-citizens%c2%b4-initiative-in-a-nutshell/>

² http://www.20splentyforus.org.uk/Press_Releases/30mph_not_fit_for_purpose.pdf

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