

## LB Bromley Road Safety Panel - 20 Mile/h zones for non-priority roads

Motorists speeding through residential areas are a frequent source of complaint and cause of accidents and it is often asked whether anything can be done to reduce excessive speeds.

There are currently seven zones in Bromley Borough where speed is restricted to 20 Mile/h. Some of these are near schools and others cover whole residential areas.

Nationally and particularly in London, there are proposals to roll these zones out to cover all non-priority roads, which would include the bulk of residential areas.

Some European cities have successfully operated such area-wide schemes for many years and they are overwhelmingly popular with residents and very effective in reducing excessive speeds.

Existing well-tried area-wide schemes usually use signage only, without additional traffic calming and have perimeter signs on entry to the area covered and then 20 Mile/h signs and road markings at all points where vehicles leave a priority road to enter a 20 Mile/h zone. The scheme is simple, easily understood and relatively cheap to implement.

### Would a lower speed limit inconvenience us?

Experience with existing schemes shows that motorists who drive safely within 30 mile/h areas do not reduce their speed much when 20 mile/h zones are introduced and therefore find little difference. However the top end speeders, the dangerous ones who are the cause of the complaints and accidents, are dramatically reduced in number and residential areas become safer and calmer.

**Priority roads in this area (which would have unchanged speed limits) include:**

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## 20 Mile/h zones – Your opinion please

Your response **by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2008** would be much appreciated

*In order to respond please click on your answer and then click on bold and email this form to:-*

**PHLID@ntlworld.com**

Name of your road:

Do you consider speeding traffic to be a problem in your road?      YES      NO

I AGREE      20 mile/h for non-priority roads is a good idea      I DISAGREE

Age range of main householder *(optional, but enables comparison with other surveys):*

20-24      25-34      35-44      45-54      55-64      Over 65