

Background to the 20mph consultation

March 2012

Since the mid 1990's the Royal Borough of Greenwich has introduced a large number of 20mph zones in residential streets across the borough. To meet traffic regulations, the Royal Borough has invested in traffic calming measures (including road humps) which have been very successful in reducing accidents. On average the Royal Borough's 20mph zones have reduced all casualties in those areas by 56 per cent and reduced the number of people killed and seriously injured by 68 per cent.

The areas with the worst accident records have mostly now been adapted, and while other areas may still need attention, the need for road humps and related measures is under review. The Government has recently changed the regulations to allow local authorities to introduce 20mph zones more easily. Now there is less need for traffic calming and local authorities can instead make more use of '20' signs and road markings.

The Royal Borough is conducting a Best Value Review of its methods for installing 20mph zones and we are running an online survey to gather the views of local residents. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to complete the survey. The results will be published later and residents' personal details will be treated as confidential.

The deadline for the survey is 16 March 2012. We realise that this is a tight deadline, however it is due to the strict Best Value Review programme schedule. Any responses received after 16 March will be kept on record and help inform further decisions in relation to 20mph zones.