20mph Speed limits for safer streets and a better Glasgow

Please sign at Glasgow City Council Petitions, then reply to email sent.
Closing date 17 March
**Why?**

![20 mph Better for Glasgow Better for Everyone](image)

The ‘Love 20mph’ logo is a UK version of the European Citizens’ Initiative which brought 30km/h to Europe.

**Why Petition?**

The time is right for Glasgow to adopt a policy for 20mph, to replace the current 30mph speed limits, on a city wide basis, with any variations to be considered where appropriate.

Glasgow City Council recognised in 2010 “There’s clear evidence that the creation of mandatory 20mph zones in residential areas will save lives, reduce the severity of injuries and prevent accidents. This measure will help put a clear emphasis in favour of people rather than the car.” Cllr George Redmond. However Zones are the old way, with disadvantages, are costly to implement, build and spread. New Government Guidance allow for much simpler, cheaper and consistent 20mph Areas. Glasgow Council will use these for the City Centre Transport Strategy to introduce an area-wide 20mph limit. This welcome move should now be extended to include all residential and shopping streets in greater Glasgow.

**Why Sign?**

Your democratic voice, as resident of Glasgow of whatever age, shows the Council your wish for a calm, considerate road environment where you live and move about your home city.

Transport Scotland “aims to encourage local authorities to set 20mph speed restrictions, when appropriate”

**Who Benefits?**

Anyone who Walks, or uses a mobility aid - Less anxiety or fear of traffic make the streets a friendlier communal space. No one should have to scurry across roads in trepidation.

Anyone who Cycles, or would like to ride a bike - The big deterrent to more people cycling, or letting their children ride on the roads, is anxiety about the speed of traffic,

Anyone who Drives has smoother journeys with less stress and more time to respond. Less accelerating, braking and gear changes improves fuel consumption, reduces pollution and cuts wear and tear. Steady traffic flow needs less road space with less congestion. Fewer collisions or casualties occur, reducing repair and insurance costs, let alone human trauma. Average city journey time increases by about 40 secs, with most drivers preferring the calmer considerate pace.

Anyone in Glasgow with the city a more attractive, pleasant and healthy place to be, live, work or visit.

**WORKS** The evidence is there and growing. Refer to one of the sponsors (over) or one of many health and mobility organisations who have facts and figures, and advocate 20mph.

**Win - More**

calm roads and places
relaxed driving experience
healthy travel option choices
chance of surviving a crash (7x)
equality and sharing of space

**Win - Less**

danger from traffic crashes or collisions
deaths or serious injury
fuel use, pollution or noise
costs - need for controls

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