

Report – OCC 20mph scheme

23 February 2022

OVERVIEW

Oxfordshire County Council is “considering making 20mph the new 30mph for Oxfordshire communities”.

“The county council is changing its approach and acceptance of 20mph restrictions which will enable a much greater coverage across Oxfordshire.

The proposal is aimed to:

- *make streets safer*
- *encourage residents to walk or cycle*
- *reduce noise and pollution*

The initiative will not be compulsory and will need to be supported by the parish/town council and by the local county councillors.

Measures supported will be from a simple change of speed signs to more complex solutions in areas that can range from a whole village or a single street. Speed cameras and road humps will not be used.”

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/roads-and-transport/traffic/requesting-20mph>

THE PROPOSAL

Applications

- must be supported by the parish/town council and the local county councillor.

Eligibility

- area should not have a speed limit of greater than 40mph
- area has features that justify a lower speed limit OR would benefit from more active travel and better air quality.

Measures supported include:

- change of speed signs
- road markings
- more complex solutions eg build-outs. (Speed cameras and road humps will not be used.)

Funding

- Funding by OCC will be agreed in February 2022 – Clerk has been informed by Cllr Tim Bearder that the basis 20 mph scheme will be entirely free to parishes.

Signage

- Clerk has been informed by Cllr Tim Bearder that OCC will be providing all legally required signage.