

Please also see below a statement in relation to 20's Plenty also discussed.

Cornwall Council are developing an approach to rolling out 20mph to align it with national guidance & best practice principles demonstrated in similar rural counties. Representatives from Devon & Cornwall Police, Public Health, Air Quality, Strategy and Design teams fed into early workshops to help shape this work. One of the outputs will be an assessment tool setting the criteria for both urban and rural applications in order to provide an effective and coordinated approach to 20mph limits. This will help to regulate how we review sites consistently and define future delivery programmes based on available funding resource.

While our approach isn't based on setting 20mph as a default speed limit for residential and urban streets (keeping 30mph only by exception) it focuses on delivering the same objectives to create safer streets for non-motorised users. We want our streets to be greener, safer, healthier and more accessible to our communities, especially where we expect to see vulnerable road users.

We are aware of rising calls from many Cornish communities towards setting area wide/default 20mph with many passing motions of support for this to happen. There is also growing support globally, there was a UN Global Road Safety Week in May 2021 called 'Streetsforlife' that was calling on policy-makers to limit speeds to 20 mph where people live, work and play. The focus was trying to garner policy commitments at national and local levels to deliver 20mph. The default approach is advocated by 20s Plenty, but is not currently a national policy position.

The intention is for Cornwall Council's Economic Growth and Development Overview and Scrutiny Committee (EGD OSC) to scrutinise our proposed approach at their meeting on 5 October.

In the interim we will continue working on 20mph schemes that already have funding secured and any new requests will be logged. We appreciate that this is as important for our communities as it is for Cornwall Council and we ask for your patience whilst we go through the necessary stages of development.

Further information will be available once we are in a position to start assessing sites.

Kind regards
Lisa

Lisa Grigg
Communities Support Assistant
Localism

Communities & Public Protection
Cornwall Council