



**Addresses to Delegated Decisions by Cabinet Member for
Transport Management Meeting
27 March 2025
Bicester 20mph speed limit proposals**

From: Robin Tucker, Co-Chair of the Coalition for Healthy Streets and Active Travel.

CoHSAT, and our 25 member groups strongly support the proposal for 20mph speed limits, however, we are concerned that the proposal leaves some of the key streets used by people walking, wheeling and cycling, and near schools at 30mph.

The evidence the effectiveness of 20mph schemes is solid. A meta analysis¹ of 70 studies of 40 schemes showed crash and casualty reductions of 20 to 40%, and noise, emissions, fuel consumption and traffic congestion were reduced because traffic flowed more smoothly – a point often lost on objectors.

The latest results from Wales estimate that by now 10 lives have been saved, and 100 fewer serious injuries². Despite a fuss about reviewing the scheme and reverting roads to 30, for the whole of Cardiff, after reviewing requests for hundreds of roads³, only parts of 4 roads will return to 30mph, showing how 20 really is best for most urban roads.

We think 20mph should apply to more roads in Bicester. A wider and earlier 20 scheme in Banbury would probably have saved Anthony Paine, killed in March 2023 on North Bar Street bar a driver at 29 to 36mph in a 30 limit. The crash investigator said the driver had “insufficient time to react”, but that at 20 he might have⁴.

This is one reason why sections of London Road and others we list should be included in the 20mph zone. To save lives. Another is that it makes that town a more pleasant environment to live, work and shop in, just as it has in my own town of Abingdon.

As vehicle sizes grow, we hope you will approve the proposed 20mph limits and extend them to provide fuller protection and a better street environment in Bicester.

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¹ <https://www.mdpi.com/2071-1050/16/11/4382>

² <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c78w1891z03o>

³ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/crlxzlr695eo>

⁴ <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/articles/c77rjp2l6j3o>