

ANNEX B – 20mph
Guidance for Oxfordshire
Speed Restriction Criteria

20mph speed restrictions will be promoted following an assessment of the proposed location.

Locations must be:

- a) Supported by local town or parish council and local county council elected member; and
- b) Within the extents of the built-up environment of the village or town where vulnerable road users and vehicles mix in a frequent and planned manner (except where strong evidence exists that higher speeds are safe); and
- c) Have an existing speed limit no greater than 40mph; and
- d) In an environment that explains and justifies a lower speed limit to the driver including, but not limited to, the following environments:
 - Where data shows incidences or identifies potential risks
 - Have visible residential frontages
 - Village settings with no pavements
 - Have shop, service or business frontages
 - Have a school or be on a school walking or cycling route
 - Be on a designated cycling route
 - Be in an area where greater active travel is or could be being promoted
 - Have the ability to aid better air quality
 - Have a “quiet lane” designation
 - Have higher than expected volumes of traffic for the type of road

Where there is disagreement on the officer’s conclusion as to whether or not the above criteria is met, it will be referred to an appeals panel for the Cabinet Member for Highways Management to make the final decision.

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