

Newsflash for all Wandsworth Living Streets Supporters

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- **11 new 20mph schemes approved for implementation**
- **Wandsworth Council will now review its 20mph policy, including current defective consultation procedures**

Some really good news to tell you. Wandsworth Council's Community Safety Overview and Scrutiny Committee met on Tuesday evening, 16 June. It is responsible for transport matters. It discussed 12 Petitions from residents in various parts of the borough asking for 20mph on their residential streets.

20,500 consultation leaflets were distributed. The Yes vote in each area ranged from 70% to 95% saying Yes to 20mph. Out of 245 roads where all the residents were consulted, only 14 roads had a majority saying they did not want 20mph. But in 10 out of 12 areas consulted by the Council, the response rate to the leaflets was below the threshold of 30% of all households that the Council had set two years ago.

The Committee heard from three deputations – Wandsworth Living Streets, the Putney Society, and the lead petitioner in Ramsden Road.

It became clear that **the present consultation procedure is broken**. Councillors also saw that **petitioners had been waiting far too long for the Council to respond** (in one case the petition was submitted three years ago in 2012). And also that **public opinion is moving** locally and nationally in the direction of understanding the arguments for a lower 20mph speed limit on all residential roads. What's more, **the growing patchwork quilt of different speed limits in the Borough is in danger of confusing drivers**.

The Council has therefore decided to do two things.

First, to approve 20mph being implemented in 11 of the areas petitioning. The biggest new 20mph areas will be:

- **The whole of Thamesfield Ward**
- **A large part of Southfields Ward**

- **A block in West Hill Ward**
- **The northern half of Nightingale Ward.**

This is a big step forward in our campaign for 20mph in the Borough.

Secondly, the Council has instructed Officers to re-examine its 20mph policy, and in particular more effective consultation procedures.

Wandsworth Living Streets will now be vigorously engaging with the Council at all levels and putting forward ideas about what its new policy should be. **If you have ideas and suggestions, please email me at Robert.Molteno@googlemail.com**

Here is the full list of new 20mph Areas

Girdwood Road area in Southfields, SW18: a significant block of roads between Sutherland Grove and Princess Way; and south of Girdwood road to Augustus Road.

Oakhill Road area of east Putney, SW15: This small wedge of roads lies between Upper Richmond Road and Oakhill Road.

Putney Vale: A small block of 3 roads off the A3 in Roehampton beyond the supermarket.

Ramsden Road to Ravenslea Road, Balham: a large triangle of roads south of Nightingale Lane.

Rogers Road in Tooting: just one road.

Southfields Grid area: A quite big block of roads between Merton Road and Euseham Road, and Replingham and Revelstock Roads.

Thamesfield ward in Putney, SW15: the whole ward on both sides of Putney High Street.

Toastrack area near Wandsworth Common: a block of 7 roads between Trinity Road and Wandsworth Common. .

Trinity Crescent area in Balham, SW17: Really just 3 roads..

Victoria Drive Area: Tiny area.

Wendlesworth Estate Area in Central Wandsworth, SW18: This lies between Garratt Lane (northern end) and St Ann's Hill: Includes 6 roads -- part of Allfarthing Lane, Borrodaile Road, Garton Place, Iron Mill Road, St Ann's Hill, Vermont Road.

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