

20mph Update

EDTCE Scrutiny

23 April 2025

Programme Progress

- 63% of suitable city streets:
 - 114 separate projects
 - 1,756 streets
- Suitable defined as any non A-class roads within the city boundary.
- Overall public response:
 - 58315 total residents consulted
 - 21% of residents respond to surveys – high for transport projects
 - Average approval of 83% for 20mph schemes
 - Average approval of 72% of traffic calming, when proposed.

Previous Recommendations

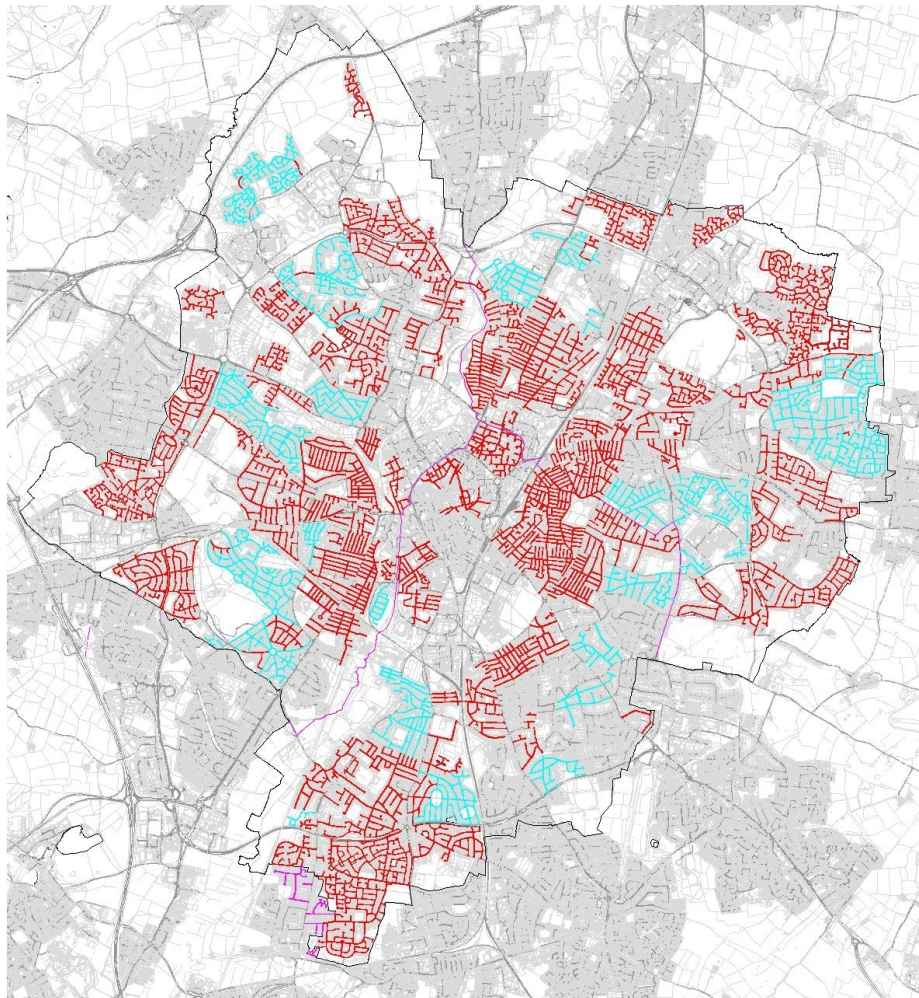
1. The 20mph streets programme to continue to be implemented on a bespoke basis, in order to consider and be coordinated with complementary sustainable highway improvements where appropriate.
2. The Council is committed to introducing 20mph streets in 80% of non-strategic roads by 2027, however the Task Group would like to see an ambition to achieve 100% of appropriate residential streets to be converted to 20mph zones by 2030.
3. The 20mph programme should generally exclude A/Strategic roads.
4. The 20mph implementation process should incorporate post completion feedback to understand how the scheme is operating and review whether any changes may be required to the area itself or adjacent areas. Consideration should be given to further engagement with local residents.
5. Air quality in 20mph schemes to continue to be monitored and reported where possible.
6. The 20mph schemes should incorporate appropriate measures to ensure as much as possible they are self-enforcing.

Previous Recommendations

1. All capital transport and highway delivery pipelines are now shared. Transport projects are reviewed at conception to identify if the project is within a 20mph zone/limit, if there are proposals for delivery, or if it is in the future programme. If applicable, projects are merged at that point.
2. As above, the programme has been projected to encompass 100% of suitable city streets, to ensure that we can continue without pause or break of delivery after achieving the 80% target
3. This remains a principle of the programme, and there are no plans for 20mph speed limits or zones on either category of road
4. We are in the process of adjusting our monitoring approach to ensure it is aligned with government guidance on best practice, and assessing how we can collect both qualitative and quantifiable data in a way that allows comparisons and interacts with our existing datasets. We have scheduled traffic surveys for a random sampling of 20mph streets over the next financial year to sample compliance across projects, implementation methods, areas, and delivery years.
5. This is a consideration as part of both the above process and our review of air quality monitoring following adoption of the Air Quality Action Plan.
6. This remains the case – where traffic speeds are assessed to be over 24mph, officers will recommend traffic calming. In the majority of cases we will recommend speed cushions, as these are efficient and cost-effective, allowing us to continue the programme at pace.

Animation – 20mph Programme Progress





20mph Streets

- Red – Existing 20mph streets
- Cyan – Programmed 20mph streets
- Purple - Existing 20mph streets which overlap Leicestershire County

Next Stages

- New batch of schemes due for installation and commencement over the coming weeks.
- 25/26 projects confirmed and notification to ward councillors will be issued shortly, alongside scheduling traffic surveys where needed and assigning officer resource.
- Digitisation of the 20mph programme and map underway, to enable publication on Leicester Open Data.