



Reference: EIR-470

Request:

One of the criteria in the Council Climate Change Action Scorecard is a Local Authority's commitment to a 20mph speed limit on restricted roads. Local Authorities in Wales and in Scotland will soon be implementing 20mph as a national norm.

In order to assess progress towards 20mph in England, I request answers from North Tyneside Borough Council to the following:

1. Do you have plans in place to make 20mph the norm or default speed limit for most restricted roads?
2. Have you requested the UK Government to set 20mph as the default speed limit for restricted roads in England?
3. Are you committed to Vision Zero as part of your traffic/transport strategy?

Response:

1. North Tyneside has for some considerable time had 20mph zones in place in residential areas and around schools throughout the borough. Whilst the Authority does not have plans to set a default speed limit of 20mph, the introduction of 20mph limits is actively considered as part of the delivery of sustainable and active travel projects. For example, a 20mph limit is being introduced on B1322 Station Road, Backworth, as part of a 'Routes to Metro' scheme to improve cycling and walking links to Northumberland Park Metro station; and a proposal to introduce a 20mph limit on the sea front (subject to appropriate consultation) forms part of the Authority's plans for the Sea Front Sustainable Route.
2. No
3. The North Tyneside Transport Strategy does not refer specifically to the 'Vision Zero' concept, however it includes an objective to improve safety for all road users, address road safety concerns and reduce casualties while increasing cycling and walking, through design, promotional and partnership working.