

Europe Says 20's Plenty Where People Live

EU Parliament Adopts 30 km/h Resolution

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Where People Live

This week the European Parliament adopted a key slower road speeds resolution. It "strongly recommends the responsible authorities introduce speed limits of 30 km/h in all residential areas and on single-lane roads in urban areas which have no separate cycle lanes."

The EU Parliament recommendation to introduce speeds of 30km/h (18.6 mph) is a critical endorsement of Britain's 20's Plenty for Us campaign. This top level call for action is in forceful terms - a strong recommendation as evidence for 20mph as a life-saving and better quality of life measure is so compelling.

Earlier this year Rod King, Founder of 20's Plenty for Us, visited Brussels to lobby the EU Transport Committee on the invitation of Keith Taylor MEP for the South of England. That a Committee, and subsequently Full Council, of MEPs conclude that drivers need to be made to take their foot off the gas is a massive boost to the campaign. This enshrines road danger reduction as a prevention strategy for better public health for all Europeans. It confirmed 30km/h (in Britain 20 mph) as the correct default speed limit where people live across EU member states.

A celebratory Rod King said :-

*"This is the EU parliament endorsing what many UK local authorities are already doing. We now have local communities, local government, national government and the EU all saying that **20's Plenty where people live**. This is a tribute to communities and campaigners across the UK who are changing the way we share our roads to be fairer for all. Now we need to end the postcode lottery of danger and amenity outside our houses. We urge all local authorities to adopt this life enhancing initiative."*

This resolution is part of a wide range of measures to halve Europe's 31,000 annual road fatalities by 2020. Research has shown that casualties fall by 25% when 50 km/h roads become 30 km/h. In Portsmouth casualties fell 22% when roads went from 30 to 20mph.

On the 27th Sept the full EU parliament adopted the EU Transport Committee report on Road Safety for the next decade. One of the primary "calls" is for 30km/h speed limits for all residential and urban roads. A full list of recommended measures may be viewed at:-

http://www.europarl.europa.eu/pdfs/news/expert/background/20110926BKG27515/20110926BKG27515_en.pdf

20's Plenty for Us welcomes comment and feedback. Please contact us if you have or need any further information. www.20splentyforus.org.uk

20's Plenty for Us campaigns for 20 mph speed limits without road calming as the default in towns and residential areas

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