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Dear Resident/Occupier

Squirrels Heath Ward - 20mph speed limits - Residential roads attitude survey

Following requests from residents and Ward Councillors, Havering Council is considering the potential introduction of 20mph speed limits on residential side roads that are currently subject to a 30mph speed limit within the Squirrels Heath Ward.

A number of requests have related to individual roads, and while work is ongoing to bring forward consultation on schemes in those locations, we would like to understand the extent of support for reducing speed limits across the residential areas shown on the accompanying plan, so that any proposals can be developed in a coordinated and efficient way.

The Council recognises that vehicle speeds and road safety are important concerns for local communities. The introduction of a 20mph speed limit can help towards improving road safety, by helping to reduce the risk and severity of road traffic collisions, thereby creating a safer and more comfortable environment for all road users, which includes vulnerable road users and those with mobility impairments.

If any 20mph speed limits are progressed, the intention would be to introduce these predominantly through changes to signage and road markings wherever possible. A coordinated approach to implementation would then help maximise the effectiveness of these measures.

However, physical traffic calming may need to be considered in some locations to help encourage driver to comply where evidence indicates that additional measures are necessary, for example to address excessive vehicle speeds, high levels of HGV traffic or significant volumes of through traffic using residential roads as a cut-through.

Such physical measures could include introducing measures such as road humps, speed cushions, raised junction tables and raised pedestrian crossing points.

Alternatively, horizontal measures, such as width and weight restrictions, priority give-way chicanes, or other changes to the road layout, could be considered to influence vehicle speeds and driver behaviour.

Initial traffic survey results indicate that additional measures may need to be considered on Northumberland Avenue (Area 6), and Crossways (Area 1) to support compliance with a 20mph limit and discourage through traffic.

We would welcome your views on:

- Whether you have concerns about excessive vehicle speeds, HGVs or cut-through traffic on residential roads within the area you live? If so, please provide details.
- Whether you support reducing the speed limit from 30mph to 20mph on residential roads within the area where you live?
- Whether you support the introduction of physical traffic calming measures, such as road humps, speed cushions or raised tables, where evidence indicates that additional measures are necessary to support compliance with a 20mph speed limit or address other traffic issues?
- Whether there are any other measures, local issues or circumstances you believe the Council should take into account?

Your feedback will help the Council understand the extent of local support for reducing speed limits and inform which areas, if any, should be taken forward for further consideration.

Have Your Say

We would encourage all residents to take part in this survey, regardless of whether you would support or oppose any possible introduction of such measures mentioned. The quickest and easiest way to share your views is by completing our short online survey, available via the link or QR code below:

https://consultation.havering.gov.uk/parking/sh20

Alternatively, you can submit your comments by email to schemes@havering.gov.uk or by post to the address at the top of this letter. To ensure your response is received by the correct council officer, please include the reference "C44350/SHW" in all correspondence to us.

All comments need to be received by no later than 7th December 2026.

What happens next?

Should the Council decide to progress a scheme, any proposals will be subject to further technical assessment and additional consultation with residents and highway stakeholders prior any final decision being made.

Thank you for taking the time to share your views. Your feedback is important to helping the Council understand local concerns and consider how best to improve road safety within the Squirrels Heath Ward.

Yours faithfully,
The Schemes Team
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