

Apply for a 20mph speed limit or zone

MKCC is committed to making the city's roads as safe as possible by introducing 20mph speed limits within residential areas.

Accident figures show that you are seven times more likely to survive being hit by a vehicle travelling at 20mph than 30mph.

For a scheme to proceed, the local community must support the reduced speed limit to help with compliance and raise awareness.

In an area where a 20mph limit/zone is introduced, the speed limit should be self-enforcing and MKCC will install signs and road markings to notify drivers. In some cases, physical measures such as road humps or speed cushions or tables may be needed before a 20mph scheme can be safely introduced. We may also have to introduce traffic calming measures such as speed humps or cameras depending on the location.

We recommend that parishes apply for a 20mph limit for an area rather than individual streets as this is a more efficient and effective method of implementing the speed limit.

The criteria below apply to the Adopted Highway (MKCC-owned roads) only.

How to request a 20mph speed limit/zone

We only accept applications from parish, town, or community councils.

Residents should contact their local parish council if they want a 20mph zone in their area.

To be eligible for a 20mph speed limit introduction, your area must meet the following conditions:

- Located within a built-up area in an urban area, town, or village within MK where vehicles and pedestrians will mix.
- Have an existing speed limit that is 30mph or under.
- Have the support of the local parish/town or community council AND at least two ward councillors.
- Can evidence that there is significant (over 50%) local community support for a reduced speed limit in an area (petition).

Please note:

We will not accept any application for individual roads. An application must be made for a whole estate or clearly defined area.

Each year we will batch any approved 20mph zone schemes and implement within the available budget.

How to submit your application

You should send your application form to us by email to, highways.liaison@milton-keynes.gov.uk or you can post it to Traffic and Transport Team, Civic Office, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes, MK9 3EJ.

You should also include:

- written support from at least two ward councillors.
- evidence of community support (petition)

Please note: If you do not include the above items your application will not be considered.

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The application window each year is between 1 April and 31 August. We will then review all applications submitted and conduct any necessary site assessments and checks.

A final list of approved schemes will be circulated to all parishes and ward councillors from January. These schemes will then be implemented within the next financial year (from 1 April).

If your scheme is not included on this final list, there is no need to reapply again as any schemes that we cannot include will be added to the following years' programme unless additional budget can be secured.

If a scheme cannot be implemented for any reason, you will be notified before the final list is circulated.

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