

Motion 13 – Green group amendment

SAFER ROADS

Proposed by Councillor Pat Cleary

Seconded by Councillor Chris Cooke

Insert a new penultimate paragraph as below. All preceding and subsequent paragraphs to remain unchanged:

Specifically, Council agrees that our urban areas need more 20mph speed limits to create safer streets and more vibrant communities where people live, work and shop. Already more than 20 urban authorities in the UK have a policy of setting 20mph as the default for all their streets. Council therefore requests cabinet to identify a substantial pilot area within Wirral to trial a comprehensive 20 mph zone with a view to rolling out a Borough-wide programme. This should be based on the scheme already implemented by Edinburgh City Council:

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Motion 13 – substantive motion incorporating Green group amendment

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Council notes that one of the main concerns raised by Wirral residents is that of speeding traffic.

Council also acknowledges that, on investigation, it is often the case that traffic is not breaking the speed limit of 30mph on most residential roads but is still causing a nuisance and preventing people from feeling that they are safe.

Council recognises that roads need to be safe and need to feel safe.

Council agrees that we should seek to calm and reduce traffic along our residential roads in order to reduce air pollution, noise pollution and dangerous greenhouse gas emissions and also to improve safety and people's perception of safety, promoting walking and cycling and further enabling the model shift from car to active travel that is so important in the current environment and climate emergency.

Council therefore asks Cabinet to instruct officers to seek funding and to explore measures to calm and reduce traffic speeds on local residential roads, as soon as possible across the borough, working with the Police to ensure full effectiveness.

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Council should note that it is the intention of the Cabinet portfolio holder for Environment and Climate Change to write to the Secretaries of State for Transport and Environment to request adequate funding for the implementation of such schemes.