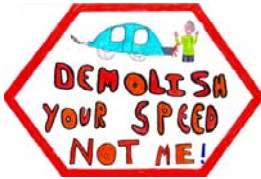




## Your questions answered....

### Can we have traffic calming in our road?

All requests for traffic calming measures should be made in writing or via the council website. Due to limited funding all requests must be prioritised following consideration. Priority is not exclusively based on accident history but also other issues such as traffic speed and volume, existing safety measures, proximity of schools and the number of vulnerable road users.



### Can you stop large vehicles from using our road?

Weight restrictions can be applied to roads where passage of Heavy Goods Vehicles (HGVs) causes problems. On most roads however, access by HGVs is required for deliveries, refuse collection etc. The prevention of access would be detrimental to many residents and local businesses. Alternatively, a weight restriction with an 'except for access' clause may be feasible, but it is dependent on enforcement. As it is almost impossible for Police to distinguish between local HGVs and those using it as a through route effective enforcement, and therefore the deterrent are difficult to maintain.

### People keep parking outside my vehicle crossover, what can I do?

Parking across a vehicle crossover is classed as obstruction and action can only be taken by the Police. The Police can either find the owner and get the vehicle moved or move it themselves. Where the problem occurs regularly, the Council can provide a 'white bar' line marking across the vehicle crossover. These markings are only advisory and not enforceable by the Police or Council. Applications for these markings must be made in writing to the Council and the cost borne by the applicant.

### Can we have a speed camera in our road?

Cameras are maintained and operated by the London Safety Camera Partnership (LSCP), who have strict criteria for installation. Further information is available on [www.lscp.org.uk](http://www.lscp.org.uk)

### There are a lot of road traffic accidents in my road, what can I do?

As part of the Accident Investigation and Prevention Programme, all personal injury accidents on the Borough's road network are monitored. To meet Government targets for casualty reduction the first priority must be areas with high accident rates. The worst sites are identified annually for implementation of remedial measures.

### Can we have repeating 30mph signs on our road?

The presence of streetlights indicates this speed limit and will only be signed where the limit starts. Some may consider this to be an odd way of indicating a speed limit, but really it is simple. If there are streetlights and no signs to the contrary, a 30mph speed limit is in force. On unlit roads where a 30 mph speed limit applies the traffic authority must place 30 mph repeater signs.



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## Local Safety Schemes... all you need to know.

### What is a Local Safety Scheme?

A local safety scheme is implemented on local roads to address identified road safety issues. It may involve simple measures such as additional signing, new road markings, or more complex improvements such as changes to the road layout or geometry. Local Safety Schemes can be applied at a specific site, along a route or over an area. Although their primary focus is to reduce the number of road accidents and casualties, they may also provide additional benefits associated with improving the road environment.




### How do we prioritise sites for Local Safety Schemes?

For a site to be identified as suitable for a Local Safety Scheme it must be shown that:

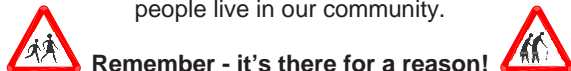
1. Significant personal injury accidents have occurred at that location.
2. It can be demonstrated that the problem is treatable.
3. The occurrence of personal injury accidents is likely to be reduced through the application of cost-effective engineering measures.

## 20mph Zones... all you need to know.

### In a crash...

-  At 40mph - 85% of pedestrians are killed
-  At 30mph - 45% of pedestrians are killed
-  At 20mph - 5% of pedestrians are killed

Many children and elderly people live in our community.



Remember - it's there for a reason!

### Why do we use 20mph Zones?

Research shows that excessive speed is a major factor in one third of all road deaths. If a vehicle travelling at 40mph hits a pedestrian or cyclist there is only a 15% chance of survival. At 20mph the chance of survival jumps to 95%.

### Why can't 20mph zones be introduced without speed humps?

A 20mph zone has to be self-enforcing. This means using physical measures such as speed humps to slow down drivers. Research has shown that 20mph zones reduce speeds by an average of 9mph, whereas a 20mph speed limit without traffic calming relies on driver discretion and only reduces average speeds by 3mph.



### Do 20mph zones use up valuable council funds?

Funding for the majority of 20mph zone schemes in Lambeth is provided by Transport for London (TfL) to prevent accidents and improve road safety across the borough. If an area requires a 20mph zone but TfL funding cannot be secured, the council may consider financing the scheme itself.

### Can we use cameras to enforce 20mph zones?

Lambeth Council cannot enforce a speed limit through speed cameras and fines at this time. This is because speeding is still a criminal offence and can only be enforced by the police. However, the Department of Transport is looking into the use of special cameras to assist with enforcement on certain roads within 20mph zones. As and when legislation changes, Lambeth will review the benefits of new technologies in improving road safety.



### Why are there so many speed humps in each zone?

The location of each speed hump is carefully identified to ensure that they are located at regular intervals. This encourages a consistently low speed throughout the zone which in turn reduces air and noise pollution.

## Speed humps... all you need to know.

### Will speed humps damage my vehicle?

Most vehicles travelling over a speed hump at 20mph or less should not be damaged.

### Do speed humps cause air pollution to rise?

Research shows that the level of pollution in 20mph zones is frequently reduced because speed humps often deter vehicles from using the area, resulting in less engine emissions overall.

### Do speed humps affect emergency response times?

There is no evidence to support the claim that speed humps cause delays in response times for emergency services. We work very closely with the emergency services and no schemes are implemented without their input. On key emergency routes speed cushions are often installed. The emergency services recognise that speed humps help save many lives.



### Do speed humps increase noise problems?

Noise levels may actually be reduced as speeds are lower and through traffic is reduced. Where there is a bus route, speed cushions will be considered. Cushions are generally located in pairs across the road allowing larger vehicles such as buses to straddle them thus reducing noise levels. However, speed cushions are considered less effective in reducing speeds than full width road humps.