Guidance for Oxfordshire

20mph Criteria

20mph will be promoted following an assessment of the proposed

location.

Locations **must** be:

a) Supported by local town or parish council and local county council elected

member; and

b) Within the extents of the built-up environment of the village or town where

vulnerable road users and vehicles mix in a frequent and planned manner

(except where strong evidence exists that higher speeds are safe); and

c) Have an existing speed limit no greater than 40mph; and

d) In an environment that explains and justifies a lower speed limit to the driver

including, but not limited to, the following environments:

o Where data shows incidences or identifies potential risks

o Have visible residential frontages

o Village settings with no pavements

o Have shop, service or business frontages

o Have a school or be on a school walking or cycling route

o Be on a designated cycling route

o Be in an area where greater active travel is or could be being promoted

o Have the ability to aid better air quality

o Have a “quiet lane” designation

o Have higher than expected volumes of traffic for the type of road

Where there is disagreement on the officer’s conclusion as to whether or not the

above criteria is met, it will be referred to an appeals panel for the Cabinet Member

for Highways Management to make the final decision.

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