

# Safety and the City with new 20mph limit

THE City of London has adopted a new 20mph speed limit, helping improve safety for pedestrians and cyclists.

The move is predicted to cut casualties by around seven per cent – equal to 30 per year. Alongside the 20mph speed limit, other safety measures include junction redesign, improvements for cyclists and new pedestrian ‘countdowns’ and traffic light timings.

The creation of more area-wide 20mph speed limits was an important recommendation of the Mayor’s Roads Task Force. It’s also a part of the City of London Corporation’s



‘Road Danger Reduction Plan’ to reduce casualties.

City of London Police Superintendent Norma Collicott said: ‘Last year, we reduced the number of casualties in the Square Mile and our challenge is to repeat that success. The introduction of the 20 mph speed limit, coupled with continued education and enforcement activities and the other initiatives included in the City of London Corporation’s Road Danger Reduction Plan, is to be welcomed.’

Also included within the zone are two north-south corridors through the City, which will be subject to an 18-month trial.

The City of London and Southwark Council have also worked together to introduce a

20mph speed limit along Southwark Bridge from July 20, meaning that five vital river crossings in Central

London now have a 20mph speed limit, helping improve road safety for all.



## Areas covered by the new 20mph limit

All the roads in the Square Mile are included, except for the A3211 between Victoria Embankment and Byward Street, the lanes from this route to the Thames, and the A1210.

## Plans to revitalise Old Oak Common

LONDONERS still have a chance to comment on plans to create 24,000 new homes and more than 55,000 jobs at Old Oak Common.

Earlier this year, Mayor Boris Johnson outlined proposals to transform the area into a thriving new district.

Plans include creating a new development corporation to unlock the enormous regeneration potential of 950 hectares of industrial land at Old Oak Common and Park Royal in West London.

Since mid-June, interested parties have been asked for their views about how the proposals can take advantage of the benefits linked to the building of the High Speed 2/Crossrail ‘super

hub’, due to the built at Old Oak by 2026.

The proposed station will be the same size as Waterloo, with the capacity to handle 250,000 passengers a day. In addition, central London and Heathrow will be just 10 minutes away.

Research from the Mayor’s Office indicates that the entire regeneration scheme could be worth up to £6.2billion for the capital’s economy. It could also supply up to 2.5 per cent of the Greater London housing requirement and almost 14 per cent of its employment need up to 2031.

■ The consultation is open until September 24. For information, visit [tfl.gov.uk/consultations](http://tfl.gov.uk/consultations)

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