

20mph/Cherry Hinton Road Update

Following an extensive consultation process, the section of Cherry Hinton Road between Hills Road and Perne Road/ Mowbray Road became subject to 20mph control from December 2015, as part of the second phase of the implementing the project city-wide. There were some delays over the winter in completing the road marking work that acts as a very visual reminder to drivers of the maximum permissible speed, but this is now all complete.

The section of Cherry Hinton Road between Perne Road / Mowbray Road and the entrance to Cherry Hinton Hall will become subject to 20mph control this year as part of Phase 3 of the project (commencing late May 2016). The engineering work necessary is now fully designed and approved, and will be delivered through one of the City Council's framework contracts. Phase 3 extends across all of South and West Central areas, encompassing approximately half of the city, and the work will consequently take some months to complete. The Council's contractor has been asked to work westwards, clockwise, from the boundary with Coleridge ward which was included as part of Phase 2 of the project. An implementation programme (to include target start and completion dates for the various elements of the work) is being developed, and will be circulated to members of South Area Committee before their next meeting. The section of Cherry Hinton Road east of the entrance to Cherry Hinton Hall will remain subject to 30mph control given its very open nature, and consequent inappropriateness for inclusion within the 20mph project.

Cambridgeshire County Council, Highway Authority for local roads, who manage safety camera equipment across Cambridgeshire and Peterborough on behalf of the countywide partnership, have advised that the Gatso unit sited on Cherry Hinton Road is unsuited to 20mph and would most likely be removed. Whilst there are no plans to use fixed cameras to enforce 20mph control across Cambridgeshire, the Police have confirmed their support for enforcing reduced speed limits where the need arises.

Traffic speed surveys will be undertaken to measure changes in vehicular speeds on roads where speed limits have reduced, as part of evaluating the overall effectiveness of the project, and the Council very much values feedback from residents.

The Council will issue regular updates on the roll-out of 20mph, with additional publicity upon completion of the project city-wide. This will include a focus on raising awareness, and encouraging compliance from road users.'

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