Motion agreed by the Merchant City & Trongate Community Council  on 25 July 2017

Further to welcoming the 20 mph speed limit introduced for Glasgow city centre in March 2016, the Merchant City & Trongate Community Council wish to support to the Private Member’s Bill proposed by Mark Ruskell MSP to change the default 30 mph urban speed limit in Scotland to

20 mph. We note that individual District Councils will maintain responsibility to designate specific roads to a varied speed limit to remain at 30 mph, or above.

In particular our reason for backing this Bill is that, in addition to the many arguments in its favour given in the consultation paper, by making 20 mph a national urban default drivers would become accustomed to this speed limit being the norm in built up areas. Then on entering or driving in  Glasgow city they would already expect the speed limit to be 20 mph, and be more likely to modify their behaviour and acknowledge the priority for people in a friendly environment.

To reinforce this change, members of the Community Council are keen that the continuing apparent assumption of car priority on Glasgow streets, is reenforced by a regime of proactive enforcement. They also believe that it will be necessary to allocate funds and resources to ensure this compliance.

We look forward to this civilising legislation for all of Scotland being enacted by the Scottish Parliament, and that all of Glasgow will benefit from the effects of its outcome.

Signed by

Merchant City & Trongate Community Council