

## Statement of Reasons

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### Proposed 50 mph Speed Limit – B4226 Speech House Road

#### Proposal

This is a proposal to introduce the 50mph speed limit detailed in the schedule below:

#### **Schedule - 50mph Speed Limit to be Introduced**

Road Name & Number	Description
Speech House Road (B4226)	From a point 200m north-west of the centreline of its junction with Valley Road (B4227) to a point 283m north-east of the centreline of its junction with North Road (B4432).

#### Reasons

The scheme is being proposed primarily to improve road safety and amenity for all highway users, including pedestrians and cyclists on the B4226 Speech House Road, where there is currently a national speed limit. There have been 31 personal injury collisions on this section of road in the last 5 years. This has been flagged up on the Gloucestershire “Hotspot List” as a location that requires intervention. The proposed changes seek to reduce the number and severity of collisions that have occurred here.

Vehicle speed data gathered during the assessment was within the Association of Chief Police Officers (ACPO) guideline intervention level for a 50mph speed limit of 57mph.

#### **Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

The Council are proposing to implement the 50mph speed limit under Section 84 and Part IV or Schedule 9 to the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (RTRA).

More specifically, according to the RTRA, it is the duty of a highway authority to ‘manage their road network’ and ‘to improve road safety’. Section 122 of the RTRA states that local authorities must, so far as is practicable, exercise their functions under the RTRA so as to ‘secure the expeditious, convenient and safe movement of traffic’.

The proposals therefore accord with the RTRA.

#### **Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016**

The associated signing and lining will be in accordance with Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2016 and Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 3.

#### **Equality Act 2010**

Thorough consideration was given to the equalities duty of the Council under Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010.