

PUBLIC NOTICE
GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
(50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) (B4226, SPEECH HOUSE ROAD) (VARIOUS PARISHES)
(FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT) ORDER 2025

Notice is hereby given that Gloucestershire County Council in exercise of its enabling powers under Section 84 and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 proposes 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).

The lengths of roads fall within the Towns of Cinderford & Coleford and the Parishes of West Dean and Ruspidge & Soudley in the Forest of Dean District within the County of Gloucestershire.

A copy of the draft Order together with the relevant plans and statement of reasons may be viewed at The Map Room, Shire Hall, Westgate Street, Gloucester, GL1 2TG and Cinderford Library, Belle Vue Road, Cinderford, GL14 2BZ during their normal opening hours or online at www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tros.

Any objections or representations to the proposal together with the grounds on which they are made must be sent in writing to ADL Traffic & Highways Ltd, ADL House, Oaklands Business Park, Armstrong Way, Yate, BS37 5NA or emailed to info@adltraffic.co.uk no later than noon on 13th June 2025. (Please quote reference 5227/112). Representations of support will also be received during this period.

Any comments that you make concerning this proposal cannot be treated as confidential. For further details about how we deal with your comments and your personal details, please go to <http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/tros>.

Dated 21st May 2025



for Assistant Director of Legal Services

**GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
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(B4226, SPEECH HOUSE ROAD) (VARIOUS PARISHES)
(FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT)
ORDER 2025**

The Gloucestershire County Council (“the Council”) in exercise of its powers under Section 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (“the Act”) and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Act and of all other enabling powers and after consultation with the Chief Officer of Police in accordance with Part III of that Schedule hereby make the following Order:-

1. (i) This Order shall come into operation on **the 2025** and may be cited as the “GLOUCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL (50 MPH SPEED LIMIT) (B4226, SPEECH HOUSE ROAD) (VARIOUS PARISHES) (FOREST OF DEAN DISTRICT) ORDER 2025”.
- (ii) This Order affects roads within the Towns of Cinderford & Coleford and the Parishes of West Dean and Ruspidge & Soudley in the Forest of Dean District within the County of Gloucestershire.
2. In this Order –

“Motor Vehicle” means a mechanically propelled vehicle intended or adapted for use on the roads as defined in Section 185 of the Road Traffic Act 1988.
3. No person shall cause or permit any Motor Vehicle to proceed along that length of road described in The Schedule to this Order at a speed exceeding 50 MPH.
4. No speed limit imposed by this Order applies to vehicles falling within Regulation 3(4) of the Road Traffic Exemption (Special Forces) (Variation and Amendment) Regulations 2011 when used in accordance with Regulation 3(5) of those regulations.

The Schedule
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Statement of Reasons

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:

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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.