

Speed limit review - A307 Portsmouth Road, Esher and Cobham

Statement of Reasons

It is proposed to reduce the speed limit from 50mph to 40mph in A307 Portsmouth Road, Esher/Cobham. Between Jan 2020 and Nov 2025, there have been 13 accidents/collisions, of which two resulted in serious injury. There was a total of 15 casualties (two serious).

Additionally, there have been nine accidents/collisions in the adjacent 40mph section of Portsmouth Road near the Claremont Fan Court School entrance in the same period. There are concerns over vehicle speeds in this section.

Lower speed limits can help to reduce collisions and improve safety for all roads users. It has been shown that the slower a vehicle is travelling then the less likelihood there is of a serious or fatal injury occurring. It is expected that by introducing a lower speed limit this will help reduce vehicle speeds and improve safety and accessibility for all road users including pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians, and support sustainable travel more generally.