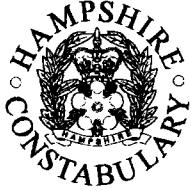


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**Proposed Speed Limit Reductions**  
**A31, Romsey Road, Cadnam & Copythorne**  
**A336 Southampton Road, Cadnam & Bartley**

Dear Mr Reeves

Thank you for your letter of 25<sup>th</sup> August 2010 concerning Hampshire County Council proposals to reduce the existing speed limits at A31, Romsey Road, Cadnam & Copythorne and A336, Southampton Road, Cadnam & Bartley..

We note the proposals are being progressed in response to the recommendations from the A & B road speed limit review currently in progress.

Hampshire Constabulary is committed to achieving the Government set National Road Casualty Reduction 2010 targets and we will support measures intended to reduce road casualties, where appropriate.

**A31 Romsey Road, Cadnam & Copythorne**  
**Proposed 30 mph Speed Limit**

The location does meet Department of Transport guidelines in respect of frontal development and frequency of access.

The plan supplied by your office records 7 day-12 hour mean speeds of 40 miles per hour for northbound and 38 miles per hour southbound.

Department of Transport Circular 01/2006 'Setting Local Speed Limits' when referring to rural areas states:-



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'The aim should be to align the local speed limit so that the original mean speed driven on the road is at or below the new posted speed limit for that road'.

The data, based on those guidelines, suggests the current 40 miles per hour speed limit is appropriate for this location as the mean speeds are too high for the proposed 30 miles per hour limit.

Department of Transport Circular 01/2006:-

'If a speed limit is set in isolation, or is unrealistically low, it is likely to be ineffective and lead to disrespect for the speed limit. As well as requiring significant, and avoidable, enforcement costs, this may also result in substantial numbers of drivers continuing to travel at unacceptable speeds, thus increasing the risk of collisions and injuries.'

It is probable that the introduction of a lower speed limit in isolation will not achieve a significant reduction in the overall mean speed. It is our view that additional measures are required to reduce speeds thereby creating a safer environment for all road users and residents. Without those additional measures compliance with the 30 miles per hour speed limit will be dependant upon enforcement of the speed limit at a level which the Constabulary could not sustain.

Consequently, Hampshire Constabulary is unable to support the 30 miles per hour speed limit proposal in its current form.

#### **A31 Copythorne Proposed Reduction of Existing 50 mph Speed Limit**

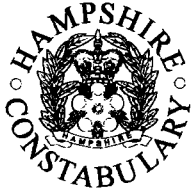
The data supplied by Hampshire County Council records northbound and southbound mean speeds of 45 miles per hour. This does not meet the Department of Transport guideline on mean speeds and Hampshire Constabulary will not support this proposal.

#### **A336 Southampton Road, Cadnam Proposed 30 mph Speed Limit**

Hampshire County Council speed data records east and west bound mean speeds of 35 miles per hour. This data is lower than speed indicator device speed data supplied by New Forest District Council from May 2007 and August 2008. May 2007 data recorded a mean speed of 42 miles per hour and August 2008 mean speed of 41 miles per hour.

It is our view that additional measures are required to reduce speeds thereby creating a safer environment for all road users and residents. Without those additional measures it is likely the introduction of a lower speed limit will not result in a significant reduction in overall mean speeds and there remains a potential increased risk of collisions and injuries.

Hampshire Constabulary will not support this proposal.



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**A336 Bartley**  
**Proposed 50 mph Speed Limit**

Hampshire Constabulary supports this proposal.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'David Taylor'.

*David Taylor*  
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