

The A38 Parkway plays a key strategic role in the region's economy.

The kinds of journeys made, include businesses transporting goods between the southeast and southwest, as well Plymouth residents making their local journeys around the city and leisure journeys for tourism to the southwest.

Our speed change proposals aim to improve safety for all our road users and to help keep drivers moving through less road closures, caused by collisions.

How do speed changes improve road safety?

There is a direct link between speed and collisions. The risk of serious injury or death increases with a minor increase in speed. Road safety is a shared responsibility, and it is every driver's responsibility to comply with the speed limits, which are clearly displayed on signage. Drivers are reminded in the Highway Code that speed limits are not targets. Drivers should always be ready to adjust their speed, accordingly to their situation; factoring in changing road traffic conditions, weather conditions, unexpected or difficult circumstances.

Why aren't you installing speed cameras to enforce the new speed limit?

Changes to the speed limit can be made quickly and aim to reduce the number of people being harmed in the area, which is our priority for improving safety on this route.

We know speed cameras improve road safety by encouraging drivers to comply with speed limits; however, we are not a law enforcement agency and would like to give road users every chance to comply with the new speed limits, should the statutory process be successful.

We are part of Vision Zero, a multi-agency partnership group of key stakeholders which includes local councils, police and residents involved in road safety for the area. Discussions are in their early stages, but there are plans to use mobile enforcement through the partnership on this section of road in the future.

Why change from 60mph when you could go further with a new 50mph speed limit?

Using collision data, research and risk assessments, we identify patterns and types of collisions causing harm to our road users. Using this evidence and knowledge, we review the speed limits of our roads. Our safety review of the route identified 60mph as the most appropriate speed limit for the use and characteristics of this road.

We know our roads are some of the safest in the world and our ambition remains that no-one should be harmed while travelling or working on our roads.