



**Cabinet Member for
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Dear Sir Roger Gale,

Thank you for your letter received 20 February 2026 regarding the temporary speed restriction on the A299 Thanet Way. I appreciate your concerns and welcome the opportunity to clarify the current position.

The 50mph temporary speed limit in place is lawful and has been implemented in accordance with the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. It has been introduced as a precautionary safety measure following the identification of structural issues within the carriageway that require intervention. Our inspections have highlighted deterioration which, if left unmanaged, could pose risks to road users while a permanent solution is developed.

Since the introduction of the temporary limit in September, we have undertaken site inspections and safety assessments along the affected section of the A299. These have focused on monitoring road condition and identifying any emerging risks. We are now developing an options appraisal to consider the most suitable engineering interventions, which may include temporary or permanent solutions depending on the outcomes.

We are currently in the programming phase of the works, with resurfacing of the affected sections scheduled to begin from 1st June and delivered over a six-week period. This timeframe will ensure the route is fully operational ahead of the summer holiday season.

We fully recognise the strategic importance of the A299 between Brenley Comer and Thanet and are prioritising this work accordingly. Temporary measures, including the reduced speed limit, will remain in place only for as long as is necessary to protect public safety.

Yours sincerely,

Peter Osborne

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