

CORRESPONDENCE

**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF
ADARE-RATHKEALE**

MARCH, 2018

- Letter received on 13th February, 2018 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) regarding the review of speed limits on national roads.
- Letter received on 14th February, 2018 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) regarding the National Speed Limit Review.
- Letter received on 9th March, 2018 from Dublin City Council regarding the Notice of Motion to reinstate the Versatis pain relief patches on the Drug Payment and Medical Card Schemes.

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Dáta | Date

8 February 2018

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TII17-100228

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Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,

I refer to your recent correspondence regarding a meeting of the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale in which Members discussed the potential for Council engineers to carry out works in connection with the review of speed limits on national roads. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

The review of national road speed limits that was undertaken by TII was carried out under a Direction of the Minister for Transport, Tourism & Sport. The Minister's Direction, which required TII to carry out an independent review of speed limits on all national roads throughout the country, was issued to TII under the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport Circular Letter RSD 01/2015 (23 April 2015).

As you will be aware, Directions were also issued by the Minister instructing each local authority to undertake a review of speed limits on all roads (national and non-national) within their respective administrative areas. In line with the national speed limit review strategy, the recommendations arising from the TII national roads exercise were provided to local authorities who are, under the Road Traffic Act, responsible for the making of Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws (subject to TII consent for proposed bye-laws relating to national roads).

Due to the nationwide scale of the task assigned to TII, it was necessary to engage the services of two consulting engineers, RPS and Tobins. Each consultant assembled trained and competent teams of assessors who undertook comprehensive surveys of the entire national road network and prepared reports of recommendations on appropriate speed limits across the network. As part of their respective contracts, each consultant was also required to undertake various additional works, including the preparation of standard templates for various road layouts (e.g. grade-separated junctions, roundabouts and toll plazas), development of assessment methodologies and guidance notes, compilation of road width and other cross-sectional data across the national road network, examination of traffic volumes, collision histories, urban boundaries, geometric parameters, access information, etc. The contracts also included the carrying out of a full compliance review of all road signage and delineation on the grade-separated junctions on the national road network throughout the country.

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The fee agreements with each consultant were developed on a fixed price lump sum basis in accordance with the provisions of the Government Standard Conditions of Engagement for Consultancy Services. The RPS brief encompassed a review of speed limits across 19 local authority areas, including Limerick City and County, and it is not, therefore, possible to separate the costs incurred in respect of individual local authority areas.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mark Byrne". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

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13 February 2018

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Dear Ms. Butler,

Thank you for your letter of 29 January 2018 requesting TII attends a briefing session in relation to the National Speed Limit Review. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

I regret to inform you that due to staff resource constraints, TII is unable to accede to your request for a representative to attend briefing sessions at the locations suggested in your letter. On matters such as the National Speed Limit Review, TII liaise directly with the engineering sections of local authorities, who then engage with Elected Members, An Garda Síochána, the public and other interested parties as part of the process. I can confirm that TII has met the relevant road engineers from Limerick City and County Council in relation to the National Speed Limit Review on 31 August 2017.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Byrne
Regulatory and Administration Unit

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8th March 2018

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Re: Dublin City Council Monthly Council Meeting 5th March 2018

Dear Ms Butler,

I wish to inform you that Dublin City Council at the Monthly Meeting held on 5th March 2018 noted the content of your letter dated 20th February 2018 conveying the terms of a motion adopted at your February meeting, as follows:

“Calling on all Councillors and TD’s to lobby the Taoiseach, Leo Varadkar and the Minister for Health, Simon Harris to reinstate the provision of Versatis pain relief patches on the Drug Payment and Medical Card Schemes for chronic pain”.

Yours sincerely,

Deirdre Ní Raghallaigh
Meetings Administrator