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To: The Mayor and Each Member of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

SPEED LIMIT REVIEW

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A Speed Limit Review process was embarked upon in 2016 where the intention to carry out a review was advertised and a request for submissions was made. The submissions received and submissions held on file since the last Speed Limit Review were considered.

Each of these submissions proposing changes to the Bye Laws were assessed in line with the guidelines set out in the "Guidelines For Setting And Managing Speed Limits in Ireland" (March 2015) and an Engineers Report with recommendations were completed for each location.

- Limerick City and County Council prepared the Engineers Recommendations and Draft Byelaws for the Non National Roads (ie Local & Regional Road Network).
- Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) have prepared the Engineers Recommendations and Draft Byelaws for the National Road Network.

Following this process Workshops were held in the Metropolitan and Municipal Areas where the Engineers Recommendations were presented by the Council Executive.

At the Workshops the Elected Members had queries and concerns with respect to some of the proposals in particular with those on the National Road Network. These issues on the Non National network have been reviewed by the Council Executive and TII were requested to review the National Proposals.

Following this review, the public were invited to make submissions pertaining to the Draft Speed Limit Bye-Laws from 31st April 2018 to 8th June 2018. The submissions were reviewed and assessed in line with the guidelines "Guidelines For Setting And Managing Speed Limits in Ireland".

Accordingly, the outcome of the 2018 public consultation process and review will be presented at the Metropolitan District Meeting for the Members consideration. The Council Executive are seeking the Members approval to proceed with the Special Speed Limit by-laws to a full meeting of the Council for approval.

Appended to this report is a summation of the submissions received during the public consultation process and from the previous briefings with Elected Members arising on both national and non-national roads.

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**Submissions Received for the Metropolitan District
Speed Limit Review – Public Consultation (31st April 2018 – 8th June 2018)**

Submissions				
No.	Submission From	Location	Description	Response
1	Maureen O'Grady	L1424 Lurriga Road, Patrickswell	Requesting speed limit for the road be reviewed	The submission relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that a 60km/h speed limit is not appropriate for use in rural locations.
2	Cllr Marian Hurley	Drombanna Road	Request to reduce the speed limit on the Drombanna road to bushy Island (Behind 4 Elms public house) from 80km/h to 30km/h	The submission relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that a 30km/h speed limit is not appropriate for use in rural locations.
3	Cllr Marian Hurley	Ahane/ Cappamore Road (L-5011)	Request to reduce the speed limit from 80km/h to 30km/h	The submission relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines and it is recommended that a 30km/h SL is not appropriate for use in rural locations as lower speed limits on their own, without supporting physical measures, driver information and publicity will not necessarily change driver behaviour.
4	Mr Sean Lynch, Mayor	Condell Road	Request to maintain the existing speed limit on the Condell Road	The submission relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that the existing speed limit on the Condell Road be maintained.

5	Cllr. Michael Sheehan	R511 between Spellacy's Cross and Roxborough National School	Request to reduce the speed limit from 80km/h to 60km/h between Roxborough National School and Spellacy's Cross as the road is windy with houses each side and the entrances and exits from Limerick Golf Club.	The submission relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that a reduced speed limit is not appropriate for use in rural locations.
6	Salmon Weir Residents Association Cllr. Marian Hurley	Mountshannon Road	Request to reduce the speed limit on the Mountshannon Road as motorists have to slow down or stop to let cars pass in the opposite direction. The road comprises 3 sharp bends and it is not possible to drive the road at 60 km/h. The speed limit set at 60km/h is a safety hazard for pedestrians and cyclists.	The submission relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that a reduced speed limit is not appropriate for use in rural locations.
7	Cllr. Joe Pond	Mountshannon Road	Request to reduce the speed limit on the Mountshannon Road as motorists have to slow down or stop to let cars pass in the opposite direction. The road comprises acute and dangerous bends and it is not possible to drive the road at 60 km/h. The road is used by pedestrians and a speed limit set at 60km/h is extremely dangerous.	The submission relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that a reduced speed limit is not appropriate for use in rural locations.
8	An Garda Síochána	R525 at Nelson Cross to Skehans Cross	Request by An Garda Síochána that a single speed limit of either 50 kph or 60 kph is adopted on the R525 from the Scout Hall to Dalys Cross.	The submission relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that a speed limit of 60km/h is appropriate for this section of road at this time.
9	Elected Members (Metropolitan District)	Mungret Village	Request to retain the existing 60km/h speed limit to the east of Mungret urban area due to the following: - Presence of a busy junction with the link road to the R859.	The submission relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended to retain the existing 60km/h speed limit to a point 90m east of the L1438 local road junction.

10	Elected Members (Metropolitan District)	Mungret Village	<p>Request to retain existing 50km/h speed limit to the west of Mungret urban area due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presence of a busy junction; - Concerns regarding turning movements; and - Volume of vehicles associated with residential accesses at this location. 	<p>The submission relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that the existing 50km/h speed limit is not appropriate on this section of road at this time. Taking into consideration the items identified within this submission, in addition to the findings of the independent assessment of this section and subsequent consultation with the TII, it is recommended that a 60km/h speed limit is the most appropriate at this time.</p>
11	Elected Members (Metropolitan District)	Clarina Village	<p>Request to retain the existing 60km/h speed limit to the east of Clarina urban area.</p>	<p>The submission relating to this location has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that the existing 60km/h speed limit is not appropriate on this section at this time. It is recommended that an 80km/h speed limit is the most appropriate at this time. However, following further consultation with Limerick City & County Council regarding specific local concerns at this location, it is proposed to maintain a section of 60km/h speed limit from the existing 50/60km/h speed limit terminal east of Clarina urban area into a proposed 50km/h speed limit terminal before the Patrickswell/Ballybrown junction.</p>
12	Elected Members (Metropolitan District)	Clarina Village/Bricklodge	<p>Request to reduce existing 100km/h SL to 80km/h in the vicinity of Bricklodge due to the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presence of a substandard footpath which currently caters for a large volume of pedestrian footfall through this section. 	<p>Taking into consideration the local issues and concerns highlighted by Limerick County Council with regards to this location, in addition to an independent assessment in line with the Guidelines, it is therefore proposed to reduce the existing SL to 80km/h at this location.</p>

13	Members of the public	N69 between Mungret & Clarina	Request to reduce existing 100km/h SL between Mungret and Clarina to 60km/h	<p>The submission relating to this location has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that the existing 60km/h speed limit is not appropriate on this section at this time.</p> <p>It is recommended that an 80km/h speed limit is the most appropriate at this time.</p> <p>However, following further consultation with Limerick City & County Council regarding specific local concerns at this location, it is proposed to maintain a section of 60km/h speed limit from the existing 50/60km/h speed limit terminal east of Clarina urban area into a proposed 50km/h speed limit terminal before the Patrickswell/Ballybrown junction.</p>
14	Elected Members (Adare Rathkeale Municipal District)	Ferrybridge, Co. Limerick	Request to reduce the existing 100km/h SL to 60km/h through Ferrybridge due to the following: - Volume of development at this location; and - Aesthetics of a 'settlement' at this location.	<p>The request relating to this section has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland.</p> <p>Taking into consideration the local issues and concerns highlighted by Limerick City & County Council with regards to this location, in addition to an independent assessment in line with the Guidelines and subsequent consultation of these concerns with the TII, it is therefore proposed to reduce the existing 100km/h SL to 60km/h at this location.</p>

15	<p>DirectRoute (Limerick) Ltd</p>	<p>N18 National Road</p>	<p>Mainline Toll Plaza Northbound, Clare Direction - requesting a 50kph zone from the existing 60kph to the new proposed 80kph sign.</p> <p>Mainline Toll Plaza Southbound, (tunnel direction) - requesting a 50kph zone from the existing 60kph to the new proposed 80kph sign.</p> <p>Clonmacken Toll Plaza Westbound, (tunnel direction) - requests a 50kph zone from 100 meter before the Express Lane entrance to the first new proposed 80kph sign on departure. 2nd proposed 80 kph to be removed and the existing 80kph sign to be retained.</p> <p>Clonmacken Toll Plaza Eastbound, (City direction) - requests a 50kph zone from the existing 60kph sign on approach to the first new proposed 80kph sign on departure.</p> <p>N18 mainline southbound - Speed between toll plaza and the tunnel brought down from 100kph to 80kph, agreed.</p> <p>N18 mainline southbound – 3 Speed between the tunnel and toll plaza brought down from 100kph to 80kph, agreed.</p> <p>Dock Road interchange - Moving the current 60kph from the start of the offslip road down to within 34m of the roundabout at the end of the slip roads will</p>	<p>The submission relating to these locations has been assessed in accordance with the Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland and it is recommended that the speed limit should be reduced through both Toll Plazas from 60km/h to 50km/h.</p> <p>The remainder of the submission relates to the other locations and is currently under review by TII. This review will be undertaken in conjunction with all toll operators as it will form part of the overall national treatment of approaches to Toll Plazas.</p>
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result in higher speeds on these off slips towards busy roundabouts and decreased stopping distances. New 60kph signage at the start of the on ramps no objection.

Rossbrien interchange, (Off slip towards the mini roundabout)

- Existing 50kph sign proposed to be removed and to be installed just before the roundabout.
- New 60kph on sharp bend to right proposed for the exit to N20 instead of existing 50kph.
- All others agreed.

Directroute proposes to retain the existing 50kph in approach to the mini roundabout in order to have sufficient braking distance. Also, in order to retain safety and consistency, implement a 50kph speed limit from the now new proposed 60kph sharp bend to right for exit to N20.