

Loughill N69 Health and Safety Committee Presentation

Adare Rathkeale Municipal District Council

Tuesday 10th December

Who is representing the Committee

Committee Members

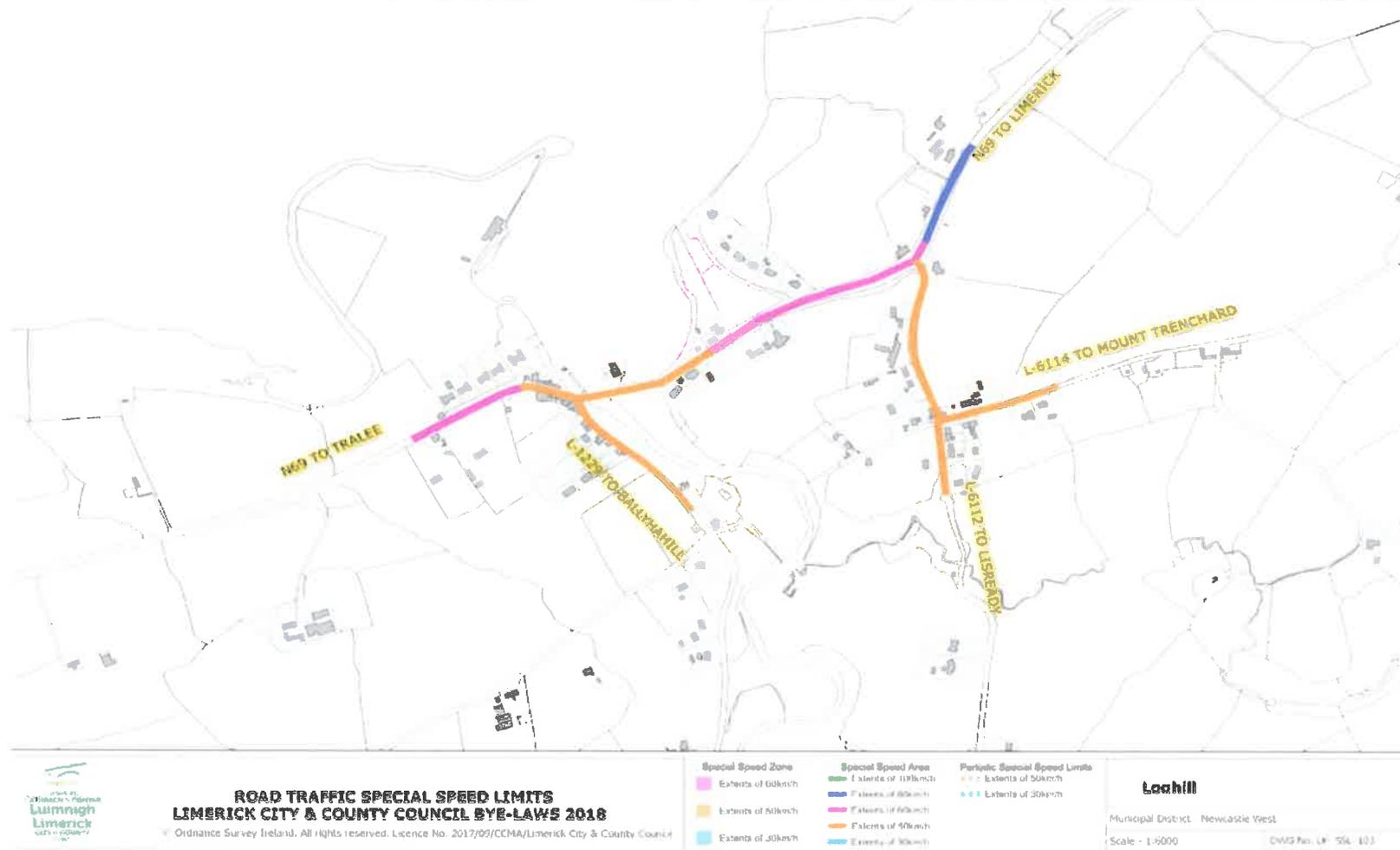
- Pat Noonan
- Hayden Costello
- Ross Fitzsimons
- Michael Hunt
- Martin Halpin

Community members/groups assisting

- Anne O'Brien – School Principal, Gerald Griffin National School
- Fr Austin McNamara – Parish Priest
- AhanBhan Parish Park Committee
- Parish Text Alert Committee
- Local Development Committee
- Ballyhahill Development Committee
- Ballyrovers FC
- Gerald Griffin GAA club
- Parents Association for Gerald Griffin National School

Over 1300 Community Signatures

Outlined changes to the speed limits



Google images outlining local buildings



a) Start and end location of new increased limit from 50km/h to 60 km/h (yellow)

b) Footpath from school to church (red)

c) Church parking located across from the Church (blue)

d) Start of 80km/h limit (purple)



Bend from Foynes to
Gerald Griffins N.S.

- This image shows the turn off for the Gerald Griffins N.S.
- This junction is very busy at school opening/closing times and with the new limits there will be three different speeds in close proximity (50km/h, 60km/h, 80km/h) at this point.
- Crossing the road here, either walking or driving can be very dangerous, due to the reduced visibility of oncoming cars.



Bend from Loughill to
Gerald Griffin N.S.

- This image shows the bend leaving the village to go to Gerald Griffins N.S.
- Very poor visibility of oncoming cars from Foynes.
- This junction is very busy at school opening/closing times, with access to or from the school road being extremely hazardous.



Bend just before the Church in the village

- This image shows the bend just before the church, with no clear line of sight of the road ahead for the driver.
- Also pedestrians leaving the Church have no clear view of oncoming cars while trying to cross the road.
- This reduces the reaction time available for drivers when they actually see pedestrians, increasing the risk of an accident. This risk is doubled when there are cars parked on the sides of the road and during the hours of darkness.

Photo of car park located across the road from the Church



Main Points

While the children were walking to the school it was noticed that most traffic and specifically lorries were speeding through the village.

The church car park is on the opposite side of the N69 road, it did not feel safe crossing this road due to the speed of traffic.

Traffic in both directions would not have a clear view of the Church or parking area due to the bends on the N69 in both directions.

Walkability Audit

24th January, 2017



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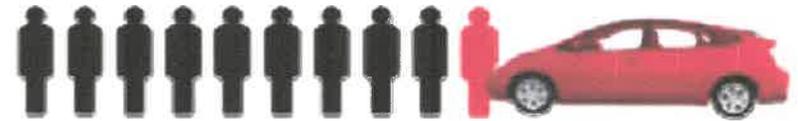
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Final Thoughts

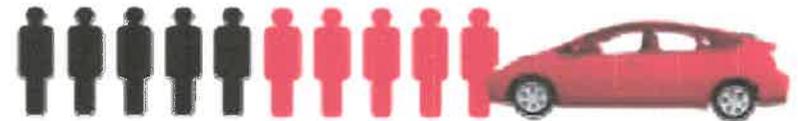


85%
of ALL
Vehicles are
breaking the
current
speed Limit
by at least
25%

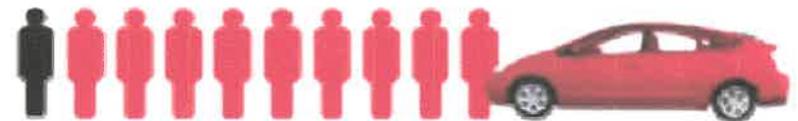
at 30 km/h – 1 in 10 will die



at 50 km/h – 5 in 10 will die



at 60 km/h – 9 in 10 will die



In Conclusion

Given the information outlined in this presentation can you please apply your influence as elected Councillors to the relevant agencies/government bodies and or personnel to stop the implementation of these new speed limits until a full review is carried out with local community consultation.

We are seeking that the current 50km/h limit be left in place until this review has taken place and our Health and Safety concerns are met with a satisfactory conclusion.