

**Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee
to be held on Tuesday the 16th February, 2021**

Question submitted by Ms. Ailish Drake

A 25KPH advisory speed limit was introduced in the core city centre and county towns as part of the Guiding Limerick through Covid Plan. It was proposed that this would be monitored with a view to a permanent speed limit reduction.

How has the it been monitored and what are the outcomes of same?
How will the new limit be voted upon and is there a proposed time frame?

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council introduced a 25kph advisory speed limit as part of the Guiding Limerick through COVID Plan, in the summer of 2020. As the name indicates, this is not an enforceable speed limit, but has the purpose of encouraging compliance.

It appears to have been successful in achieving its aims to some extent, but it should be noted that traffic patterns have been significantly impacted by the pandemic restrictions.

It is the Council's intention to introduce a permanent 30kph speed limit in the core city area and the relevant procedures/consultation will take place later this year with a view to introducing the new limit on successful completion of these procedures.

As regards our county towns, the process of introducing amended speed limits is complicated by the presence of national and regional roads running through or close to the core of some of the towns, for example Adare, Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale and Kilmallock. It may be more appropriate that these centres be considered as part of the next countywide review of speed limits, at which point it is hoped that the learnings from the city could inform the process in the county towns.

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