



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

**Meeting of the Travel and Transportation Strategic Policy Committee
to be held on Wednesday, the 25th October 2022**

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Ryan (referred from Cappamore /Kilmallock MD)

I will move at the next meeting of the Cappamore-Kilmallock Municipal District that the use of averaging Speed cameras in towns and villages be considered in the Municipal District where speed is a concern.

Reply:

The Average Speed Safety Camera System is governed by an agreement under Section 81 (7) of the Road Traffic Act, 2010, entered into between An Garda Síochána, the Dept. of Justice and Transport Infrastructure Ireland. A pilot was launched on March 8th on the M7 in Tipperary between Junction 26 (Nenagh West) and Junction 27 (Birdhill) to commence installation and testing of an Average Speed Safety Camera System. The operation of the system is very complex from a data handling perspective and is still under evaluation by An Garda Síochána and the Dept. of Justice at this Co. Tipperary site. Note that a similar system has been in operation in Dublin Tunnel and has resulted in a reduction in speeding incidents by about 80% in the Tunnel.

However, it should be noted that both of the above locations have a defined speed measuring entry point and a defined speed measuring exit point, with no entry or exit points in between. Essentially, traffic entering the system have no choice but to continue on to exit point, which means that the averaging system will get an accurate reading of the speed of the vehicle as it, traverses this defined path.

This requirement is not replicated in a typical town/village scenario where, invariably, there will be multiple exit/entry/destination or speed interruption points between the sampling points in question. Consequently, there could be no confidence that the system will give an accurate representation of the vehicles speed because of this likelihood of exposure to journey interruptions along the route.

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17th October, 2022.