



Kilkenny County Council
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Kilkenny

Council Meeting Speed Limit Review

20th May, 2024



Where medieval meets modern

Background

The Speed Limit Review report was prepared in accordance with Action 6 of the Government Roads Safety Strategy (2021 to 2030)- Our Journey Towards Vision Zero. As part of the review there was a specific consideration of the introduction of a 30 kph default speed limit in urban areas.



Key Recommendations

- Motorways- no change
- National Primary Roads- no change
- National Secondary Roads- recommendation that the default would reduce from 100 km/h to 80 km/h.

(This is a reduction in the default limit, local variations may be permitted in accordance with the standard methodology.)

- Regional Roads - no change
- Local Roads- recommendation that the default goes from 80 km/h to 60 km/h
- Urban Roads- recommendation that the default would reduce to 30km/h

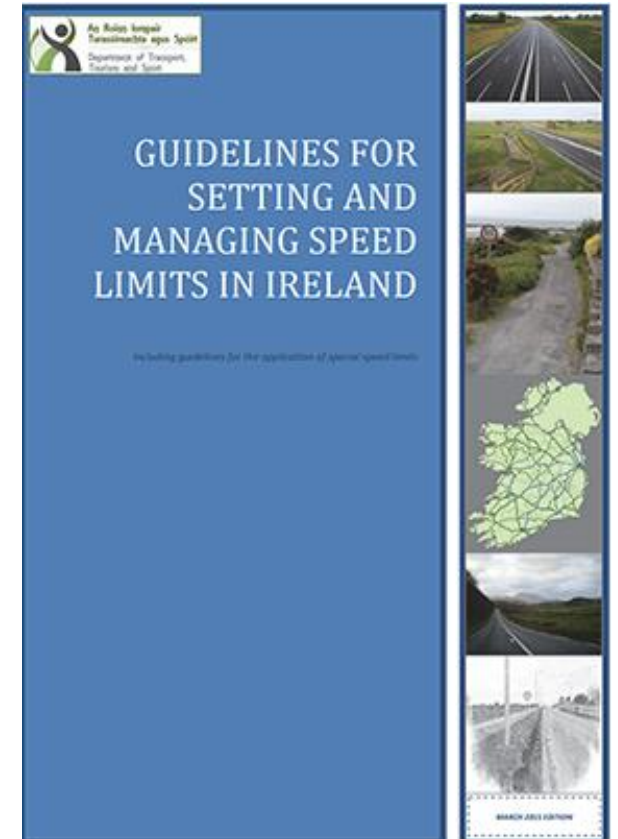
(The definition of urban area and its consistency with 'built-up area' will need to be defined)



Progress



- Advance on Legislation and Statutory Guidelines on priority actions – Default Speed Limits:
 - 30km/h (Urban Areas)
 - 60km/h (Rural Local Roads)
 - 80km/h (National Secondary Roads)
- Law 17th April 2024
- Awaiting guidelines
- Variations to the Defaults permitted by Bye-Laws in accordance with Guidelines for Managing Speed Limits
- Commencement Orders to follow



Timelines

- Rural Local Roads – by End of November 2024 (60km/h default) – urgency required – guidelines awaited
- Kilkenny's total road network – 3,332 km
 - Motorway – 70 km
 - National Primary – 63 km
 - National Secondary – 68 km
 - Regional- 434 km
 - Local – 2,696 km
- Signs at all junctions with regional NP/NS etc.
- Signage LA responsibility – central procurement and local installation
- Variations to default – none recommended at present
- If considering to amend will be brought to September meetings – normal process
- Special limits already in place will remain as per Bye-laws

Timelines continued

- National Secondary and Urban Speed Limits Q1 / Q2 of 2025 – 80km/h and 30km/h respectively
- Funding being sought
- Manage along with significant Road Works Programme
- National review to assist LA's of:
 - NP to Local (Most existing signs)
 - NS to Local (Some existing signs and posts)
 - Regional to Local (New signs and posts)
- Workshops to be arranged

