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Tuesday, 6th May 2025

**To Each Member of the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility
Management SPC Strategic Policy Committee**

Dear Member

A meeting of the **Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management
SPC Strategic Policy Committee** will be held in the **Council Chamber -
County Hall, Swords** at **4.30 pm** on **Tuesday, 3rd June, 2025** to consider
the following Agenda.

Yours faithfully

Ciara O hAodha
Meetings Administrator
Corporate Services

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A G E N D A

- 1 Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of the Minutes of the Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC held on the 4th of March 2025**
- 2 Special Speed Limits Review**

**Comhairle Contae Fingall
Fingal County Council**

Minutes of Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management SPC Strategic
Policy Committee

Tuesday, 4th March, 2025

PRESENT

Johnston, Corina
Hopkins, Joan
Quinn, Malachy
Quinlan, Patrick

Lenehan, Michael
O'Donnell, Siobhan

Apologies for inability to attend were received for Councillors Kelly, and John Fox.

The Committee Chairperson, Councillor Darragh Butler , presided.

OFFICIALS PRESENT

Deirdre Sinclair (A/Senior Executive Officer, Operations), Karen Gallagher (Senior Engineer, Operations), Niamh Russell (Administrative Officer, Operations), David Leslie, Senior Communications Officer, Corporate Affairs), Rosemary Gibney Sherry (Administrative Officer, Operations), Megan Devaney (Senior Staff Officer, Operations), Barbara Ryan (Senior Staff Officer, Operations), Conor Sheehan (Staff Officer, Operations).

An announcement was made by Committee Chairperson Darragh Butler, that a request had been made by Michael Lanigan of the Dublin Inquirer, to attend the SPC, which had been agreed by the Chairperson prior to the meeting. It was agreed by the Committee that the press would leave the meeting before moving on to item 3, Update on Review of Parking Bye-Laws.

TSPC/37/25 (Agenda Item No 1)

Confirmation and Re-Affirmation of Minutes of the Public Realm,
Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee (SPC) held on
the 25th November 2024

It was proposed by Councillor Butler and seconded by Councillor Johnston and
RESOLVED:

“That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of the Public Realm,
Transportation/Mobility Management SPC Meeting held on the 25th November
2024 be **ADOPTED** and **APPROVED**”

TSPC/38/25 (Agenda Item No 2)

Public Realm, Transportation/Mobility Management Strategic Policy Committee
(SPC) Works Programme

A presentation was given by Deirdre Sinclair, A/Senior Executive Officer,
outlining an overview of the committee and a proposed multiannual work
programme.

Following discussion the Committee **AGREED** the presentation.

TSPC/39/25 (Agenda Item No 3)

Update on Review of Parking Bye-Laws

A presentation was given by Niamh Russell, Administrative Officer, on the
Review of Parking Bye-Laws.

Following discussion the Committee **AGREED** the presentation.

The Meeting concluded at 5.15 pm

AREA CHAIRPERSON

DATED

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MEETING OF PUBLIC REALM, TRANSPORTATION/MOBILITY
MANAGEMENT STRATEGIC POLICY COMMITTEE**

TUESDAY 3rd JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 02

SPECIAL SPEED LIMITS REVIEW

A presentation will be given to the Committee.

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National Speed Limit Implementation Update

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03rd June 2025

Summary



- New legislation passed in April 2024 under Roads Traffic Act 2024.
- All stems from Programme for Government commitment for a National Speed Limit Review & to reduce road fatalities in Ireland
- Other policy documents such as Road Safety Strategy and EU/International commitments e.g. TEN-T.
- Focus on changing **speed limits** on public roads including.
 - 80 km/h to 60 km/h on Rural Local Roads
 - 100 km/h to 80 km/h on National Secondary Roads
 - 50 km/h to 30 km/h in Urban Areas
- The national speed limit implementation will be broken into 3 no. Phases
 - Phase 1. Rural Local Roads
 - Phase 2. Urban Areas and National Secondary Roads
 - Phase 3. Other Special Circumstances, such as schools

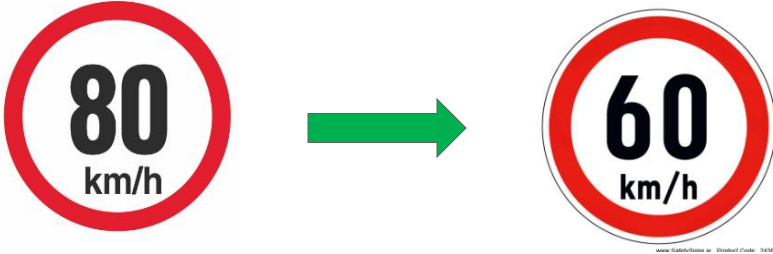


Phase One Local Rural Roads



- New default speed limit is **60 km/h** on **rural local** roads (previous default speed limit was 80 km/h).
- This default speed limit commenced nationally on **07/02/2025** by Ministerial Order.
- No special Special Speed Limit Bye Laws required to implement default 60km/h.
- Note what roads are not included as part of Phase 1:
 - Regional Rural Roads
 - Urban Roads both urban and local
 - National Secondary Roads
 - National Primary Roads
 - Motorways

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Refer to Table 1 for breakdown

- 133 new 60 km/h speed signage were installed across the county
- Works were carried out by Operations Outdoor Crews.
- Signage and pole data based on available FCC Signage Database.

Phase 1 Breakdown						
Electoral Area	No. of 60 km/h Signs	No. of 80km/h Repeater Signs	No. of Gateway Signage	No. of Rural Speed Limit Signs	No. of New Poles	Comment
Cas/Mul	28	7	3	3	19	
Bal/Swords	105	14	10	15	103	
Howth/Mal	0	0	0	0	0	
Total	133	21	13	18	122	

Phase 2 – Urban Areas and National Secondary Roads



- New default speed limits for urban core areas was proposed to be 30 km/h – This has now changed.
- New default speed limit will be **80 km/h** (previous default speed limit was 100 km/h) for national secondary roads by Ministerial Order.
- Target date for this based on Department Circular was 30/06/2025 but now has been pushed out by DoT – No target date has been set at present.
- Initial workshop carried out between LA's and Department of Transport
- What has changed is that urban speed limit zones will be developed as part of this process and speed limits within this zone will be introduced as special speed limit bye laws.



Phase 2 – Urban Speed Limit Zones



- Identify Urban Speed Limit Zone (USLZ)
- Once USLZ is determined, identify urban core for 30 km/h speed limit e.g. town centre.
- Identify other speed limits within USLZ i.e. arterial roads for 50 km/h or public transport routes.
- Identify school locations within USLZ for potential 30 km/h speed limit.
- Implement urban speed limits as bye-laws in accordance with Setting and Managing Guidelines for Speed Limits in Ireland and s.9 of the Road Traffic Act (2004).

Phase 2 – Urban Speed Limit Zones – Next Steps



- Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland (2015) need to be officially updated.
- Circular to be published from DoT to give official guidance to each local authority.
- Assessment of each village and town in county required.
- Once complete – workshops to be held with each area committee.
- Non-Statutory Public Consultation – 2 weeks
- Finalise Maps
- Once complete carry out bye-law process in accordance with section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act (2004).

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Area	Town/Village/Built Up Area
Howth/Malahide	7
Balbriggan/Rush/Lusk/Swords	16
D15	9
Total	32

Default Speed Limit and Special Speed Limit



- Default speed limit set out in primary legislation was previously as per below.
 - A default speed limit for a rural area is 80km/h.
 - A default speed limit for an urban area is 50 km/h.
- Under legislation changes introduced in the Roads Traffic Act 2024 these default speed limits have been changed by Ministerial Order to:
 - 60 km/h for Local Rural Roads.
 - 80 km/h for National Secondary Roads.
- A special speed limit is a speed limit set locally by each local authority and must be in accordance with Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland Guidelines.
 - As outlined in section 9 of the Roads Traffic Act 2004 the making and adoption of special speed limit requires statutory consultation and is a reserved function of the council.

Phase 3 Other Special Circumstances i.e. Schools

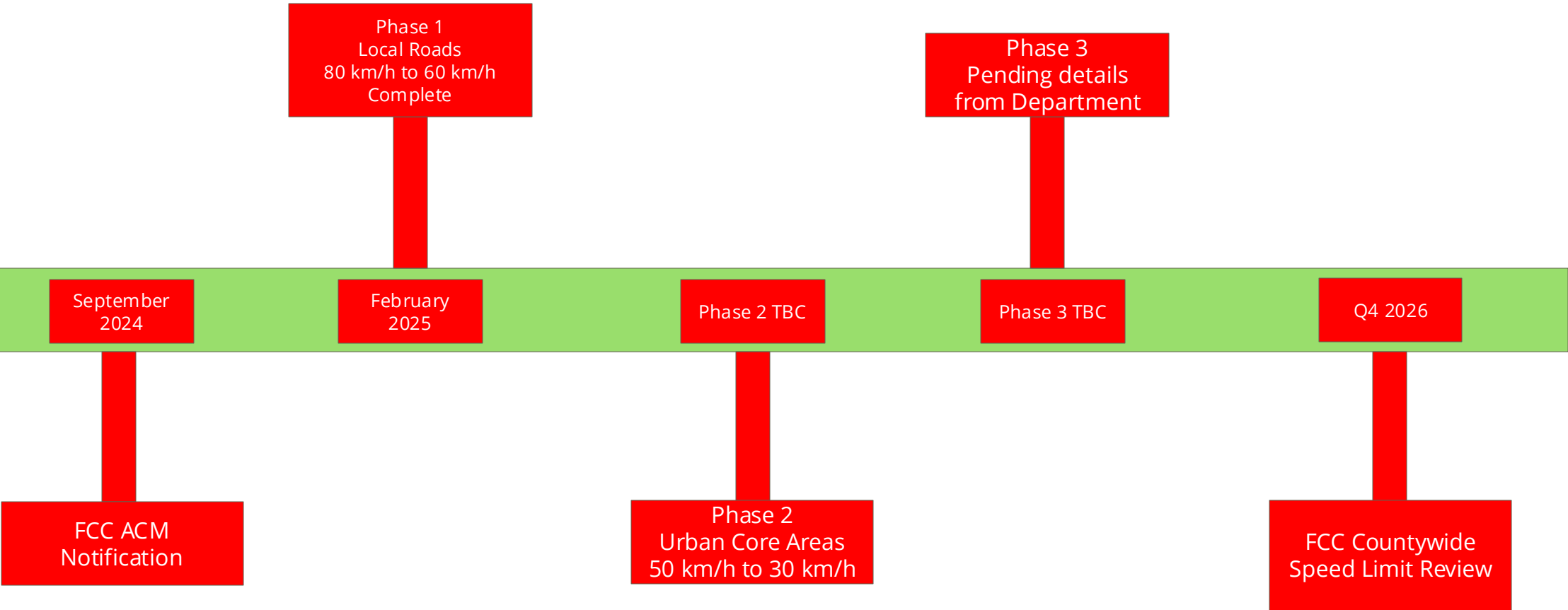


- Further detail to be issued on this but it would mainly for schools i.e. Safer Routes to School (SRTS) or other special cases i.e. sport clubs etc.
- No timeline has been issued from Department of Transport on this phase.
- Further detail will be circulated once available.

Speed Limit Implementation Update 2025



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