

**COMHAIRLE CONTAE FHINE GALL
FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**HOWTH/MALAHIDE AREA COMMITTEE MEETING
(Services A – Operational Matters)**

WEDNESDAY 4th JUNE 2025

ITEM NO. 05

RAMP HEIGHT - PADDY'S HILL - AI102951

Question: Councillor C. Haughey

“To ask the Chief Executive to advise if the ramps at Paddy’s hill will be inspected as, according to legislation SI 32/98 Road Traffic Act (Bollards and Ramps), ramps should not exceed 10cm and if above this height, will the ramps be replaced?”

Reply:

A road safety assessment was carried out on the scheme which included the ramps. No changes were recommended regarding the ramps. In addition, as outlined in the Traffic Management Guidelines (2003), there are no minimum or maximum dimensions currently prescribed for vertical deflection measures i.e. ramps. The ramps have been designed to promote pedestrian movement within the area which aligns with DMURS hierarchy.

The current speed limit is 30 km/h. Drivers travelling up to the car park must adhere to this speed limit. Cars travelling more than this speed will hit the ramps too quickly to navigate it safely. That is the purpose of the ramps to slow traffic down to an appropriate speed for the environment.

There are no plans to adjust the ramps currently in-situ leading up to Paddy’s Hill Car Park in Portmarnock.

Source of Reply:

James Culhane, Senior Executive Engineer, Operations Department