



KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL

Speed Limit Review – Implementation of Default Speed Limit of 60km/h on Rural Local Roads

Kildare County Council intends to commence a Public Consultation process for a Review of Speed Limits on Rural Local Roads. This review arises from recent legislation (Road Traffic Act 2024) which provides for the phased lowering of default speed limits in Ireland. The phased lowering will include:

- Phase 1 – Reduction in Rural Local Road Speed Limit to 60km/h
- Phase 2 - Reduction in Urban and National Road Speed Limits (Consultation to follow in 2025)

The commencement date of the of the 60km/h default speed limit for Rural Local Roads is at the end of November 2024.

In accordance with the Department of Transport, this review of rural local roads excludes:

- All regional road and national roads
- All public roads within the boundaries of former town council
- All public roads with a current special speed limit of 30km/h (housing estates).
- All public roads with a current special speed limit of 50km/h.

The above categories of roads are to be addressed in subsequent phases of the Speed Limit Review. It is intended that these phases will be progressed in 2025.

Submissions are invited from the public on the default speed limits on **rural local roads**. The purpose of new default is to provide for more appropriate speed on rural local roads.

This public consultation process is being undertaken to help the public make themselves aware of the proposed changes in default speed limits which are to be implemented on a phased country wide basis over the next year. It is important for all road users to understand the proposed speed limit changes for Kildare and to utilise this opportunity to make submissions and have their say.

Submissions or observations relating to the above-mentioned speed limit review **can be made Online** at <https://consult.kildarecoco.ie/en/consultation/speed-limit-review---implementation-default-speed-limit-60kmh-rural-local-roads>

OR In writing to the: A/Senior Executive Officer, Roads, Transportation and Public Safety Department, Kildare County Council, Áras Chill Dara, Devoy Park, Naas, Co. Kildare W91 X77F on or before 17:00pm on **20 September 2024**

Please make your submission by one medium only i.e. in hard copy or online