



Kilkenny County Council  
Road Traffic Special Speed Limit  
Bye – Laws 2023

For Ratification by  
Kilkenny County Council  
Meeting to be held on

**20<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

**Introduction;**

This report has been prepared for submission to the elected members of Kilkenny County Council and contains information regarding the preparation of the Speed limit Bye Laws for 2023

The report details the process undertaken, the number of submissions and objections received, during the public display period for of special speed limit Bye Laws Draft A and Maps for County Kilkenny in accordance with Section 9.4 of the Road Traffic Act 2004.

Local Authorities are mandated to review speed Limits every 5 years. The last review in County Kilkenny was carried out in 2017. Whilst the review included both National and Non National Roads the decision for speed limits on National Roads rests entirely with transport Infrastructure Ireland. A part of the 2017 Speed Limits Bye Laws a review of National Road speed limits was carried out by Consultants on behalf of TII. This process was not repeated by TII for the 2023 Bye Laws

**Notice of Changes to Special speed Limit Bye Laws.**

Draft A bye laws and maps were on public display on Consult.ie, along with hard copies at each of the area offices, County and City Hall from Friday the 6<sup>th</sup> May to the 10<sup>th</sup> June 2022.

A notice describing the proposed changes was placed in the Kilkenny People week ending 6<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The proposed changes and additions to the Draft A Bye-laws is consistent with the guidelines for setting and managing speed limits in Ireland March 2015 edition. These Guidelines, having regard to section 9(9) of the 2004 Road Traffic Act, constitute a direction of the Minister for Transport. Their purpose is to provide guidance to local authorities, and other practitioners, in making bye-laws in relation to the setting of speed limits in Ireland.

### **Submissions Received**

Kilkenny County Council received 64 number submissions during the public consultation period, 41 submissions on consult.ie, 23 number submissions by post by email. Appendix A attached is a Schedule of submissions / objections received along with comments / recommendations for same.

### **Review of Submissions**

The submissions were reviewed and where proposed changes and additions to the Draft A Bye-laws were consistent with the guidelines for setting and managing speed limits in Ireland March 2015 edition were included. These Guidelines, having regard to section 9(9) of the 2004 Road Traffic Act, constitute a direction of the Minister for Transport. Their purpose is to provide guidance to local authorities, and other practitioners, in making bye-laws in relation to the setting of speed limits in Ireland.

**Conclusion and recommendation:**

This is the final report to the elected members of Kilkenny County Council having regard to the 2023 Speed Limit Bye - Laws presented here at the Council Meeting held on the 20<sup>th</sup> November 2023, together with consultations undertaken with each Municipal District, Transport Infrastructure Ireland and An Garda Siochana.

The Municipal District presentations detailed the submissions and objections received during the display for public inspection of special speed limit Bye Laws Draft A and Maps for County Kilkenny, in accordance with Section 9(.4) of the Road Traffic Act 2004.

These Draft Bye-Laws have now been updated to Kilkenny County Council Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2023 and are attached to this report for adoption by the Elected Members of Kilkenny County Council under Section 9.10 of the Road Traffic Act 2004.

These Bye - Laws may be cited as the **Kilkenny County Council Road Traffic Special Speed Limit Bye-Laws 2023** and shall come into operation on the **1<sup>st</sup> January 2024**, while at the same time revoking the Kilkenny County Council Road Traffic Speed Limit Bye - Laws 2017.

In Conclusion I recommend that Kilkenny County Council resolves to adopt the Special Speed Limit Bye - Laws 2023 with a commencement date of Friday the 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2024.

Signed: Seamus Kavanagh

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Tim Butler

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**Director of Services**

Appended to this report are the following:

- A. Schedule of submissions / objections received during the Public Consultation process, along with comments / recommendations for same.
- B. Speed Limit Bye Laws 2023

## Appendix A

### Schedule of Submissions Received.

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#### Schedule of submissions;

Location	Consult.ie	email/postal
Stoneyford	16	2
Ballygriffin, New Aglish	5	3
Bennettsbridge	4	
New ross	3	2
Ferrybank	3	1
Glenmore area	1	
Ring road, Kilkenny		
Bennettsbridge	5	
Graiguenamanagh	1	1
Johnstown	1	
Burnchurch	1	
Gaulsmill, Kilmacow	1	3
Kilfane East		1
Knockwilliam Ballyhale		1
Listerlin		4
Foukstown, Kilkenny		1
Jerpoint west, Thomastown		1
Turkstown village		1
Leggettsrath East		1
Paulstown		1