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Explanatory Notes

The County of Cork Road Traffic Speed Limits (Regional & Local Roads) Bye-Laws (No 2) 2024 should be read in conjunction with the County of Cork Road Traffic Special Speed Limits (Regional & Local Roads) Bye-Laws 2022 (Rev A).

The following are the further explanations for the interpretations set out in these Bye-Laws:

1. “**built up area**” has the meaning assigned to it by the Road Traffic Act 2004, as amended, and means the area of a city, a borough or a town, within the meaning of the Local Government Act 2001, as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014.

Consequently for the purposes of these Bye-Laws, “built up area” means the area within the limits of the former Town Council boundaries.

2. ‘**Built - up area speed limit**’ has the meaning assigned to it by Section 5 of the Road Traffic Act 2004, as amended, and sets out a default speed limit of 50km per hour for all public roads (other than a motorway) in built - up areas. The abolition of Town Councils in 2014 has not affected this meaning, definition and scope of these built-up areas, thus the default speed limit for all roads within these areas remains at 50km per hour, unless amended by a special speed limit bye-law. These ‘built-up areas’ are listed under No. 7 below.

The built-up area speed limit does not apply to a road or part of a road in a built-up area where a special speed limit or a road works speed limit applies to that road or part of that road.

3. **Default speed limits** apply, except where special speed limits (Section 9 of the 2004 Act, as amended) or road works speed limits (Section 10 of the 2004 Act, as amended) apply, and subject to the provisions of Section 11 (offence of exceeding speed limit) of the Road Traffic Act 2004, as

- ‘Built-up area default speed limit’ is 50km per hour for all mechanically propelled vehicles.
- Regional roads default speed limit is 80km per hour, other than such roads in ‘built-up areas’, for all mechanically propelled vehicles.
- Local roads default speed limit is 60km per hour, other than such roads in ‘built-up areas’, for all mechanically propelled vehicles.

4. **Special Speed limits** take precedent over default speed limits where such are defined in Schedule Six of these bye-laws. The purpose of these bye-laws is to impose special speed limits in respect of local roads as per Schedule Six.

5. **Periodic special speed limits** apply a special reduced speed limit for a specified period or periods during any day on all or on specified days, on a specified public road or part of a public road, during which time the reduced speed limit is displayed on the sign.

During all other times, the default or special speed limit for that road / location applies.

6. Road Works Speed Limits - As provided for in Section 10 of the Road Traffic Act of 2004, where a Road Works Speed Limit Order is in place, this takes precedence over any default or special speed limit on that section of road, included in these Bye-Laws.

7. Speed Limit applies to a road in both directions unless otherwise specified.

8. Built - up Area

The following is a list of the former Town Councils in County Cork, which are deemed built-up areas for the purposes of applying the 50 kilometre per hour speed limit in these Bye-Laws:

Clonakilty

Cobh

Fermoy

Kinsale

Macroon

Mallow

Midleton

Skibbereen

Youghal

Bandon

Bantry

Passage West

1. Introduction

Cork County Council in exercise of the powers conferred on it by Section 9 of the Road Traffic Act 2004 (No. 44 of 2004), as amended, and following consultation with An Garda Síochána, hereby makes the following bye-laws in respect of public roads, or part thereof, in the area comprising the administrative area of the County of Cork.

2. Title and Citation

These bye-laws may be cited as the **County of Cork Road Traffic Special Speed Limits (Regional & Local Roads) Bye-Laws (No 2) 2024**

3. Commencement Date

These bye-laws shall come into operation once the default speed limits on local roads has been enacted and Cork County Council has adopted these bye-laws.

4. To be read in conjunction with

The following Special Speed limit Bye-laws are to be read in conjunction with the County of Cork Road Traffic Special speed Limits (Regional & Local Roads) Bye-Laws 2022 - Rev A.

5. Interpretations

In These bye-laws:

"The Act of 1961" means the Road Traffic Act 1961 (No. 24 of 1961).

"The Act of 1993" means the Roads Act 1993 (No. 14 of 1993).

"The Act of 2001" means the Local Government Act 2001.

"The Act of 2004" means the Road Traffic Act 2004 (No. 44 of 2004).

"The Act of 2010" means the Road Traffic Act 2010 (No. 25 of 2010).

"The Act of 2014" means the Road Traffic Act 2014 (No. 3 of 2014).

"The Act of 2016" means the Road Traffic Act 2016 (No. 21 of 2016).

"The Act of 2024" means the Road Traffic Act 2024 (No. 10 of 2024).

"The Local Government Act of 2014" means the Local Government Reform Act 2014 (No.1 of 2014).

"administrative area" has the meaning assigned to it by the Local Government Act of 2001 (as amended by the Local Government Reform Act 2014)

"Administrative area of the County of Cork" means the administrative area of Cork County Council.

"Local road and regional road" have the meanings assigned to them, respectively, in the Roads Act 1993.

"Mechanically propelled vehicle" has the meaning assigned to it by Section 3 (1) of the Road Traffic Act 1961.

"The Minister" means the Minister for Transport.

"Public road" has the meaning assigned to it by the Roads Act 1993.

"Road" means a public road as defined in section 2 (1) of the Roads Act 1993.

6. Exemptions for Emergency Vehicles

As provided for in Section 87 of the Road Traffic Act 2010, as amended by Section 23 of the Road Traffic Act 2014, the following shall be exempted from the Special Speed Limits prescribed in these Bye-Laws:

The driving or use of a vehicle by a Member of

- (a) An Garda Siochana
- (b) An Ambulance Service
- (c) Fire Brigade

in the performance of their duties, or

a person driving or using a vehicle under the direction of a member of An Garda Siochana, where such use does not endanger the safety of road users.

Any vehicle subject to a speed limit as prescribed by the Minister pursuant to Section 4 of the Road Traffic Act 2004.

7. Measurement of Distance

- a) Where these Byelaws refer to a particular distance, that distance shall be measured along the centre line of the road.
- b) Where these Bye Laws refer to a particular distance from a roundabout, that distance shall be measured from the intersection with the centre of the circulatory carriageway of the roundabout in question to the location of the speed limit sign(s).
- c) Where these Byelaws refer to a particular distance from a junction, that distance shall be measured from the intersection between the centre points of the Roads which intersect at the junction in question to the location of the speed limit sign(s).

8. Sixth Schedule - 80km/h

Eighty kilometres per hour shall be the special speed limit for mechanically propelled vehicles, on any of the roads specified in Schedule Six to these Bye-Laws.

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SPECIAL SPEED LIMIT BYE-LAWS

SCHEDULE 6

80 km/h

Location	Description
Banteer	(a) On the L-1120 Millstreet - Banteer Road, from a point 120 metres south in direction from its junction with the L-5214, to a point 422 metres, north east in direction of its junction with the L-1117.
Blueford Td.	(a) On the L-1012, from its junction with the R578 Blueford Td., north west in direction, to the junction of the R576/L-1003 Knockaclarig Td.
Boherbue	(a) On the L-1035, from its junction with the R577 Mallow-Tralelee Rd., north in direction, to the junction of R578, Reanagashel Td.
Bottlehill	(a) On the L-6955, from a point 50 metres, north east in direction, of its junction with the N20, to a point on the L-6957, 230 metres, north east in direction of its junction with the L-6956.
Bweeng	(a) On the L-1211 Lombardstown Road, from a point 420 metres, north west in direction of its junction with the R619, to a point 110 metres south in direction of its junction with the L-1210.
Cappagh Td.	(a) On the L-1502, from a point 680 metres, south east in direction of its junction with the L-5758, to a point 288 metres, north west in direction of its junction with the R639.
Castletownroche	(a) On the L-1229, from a point 315 metres north in direction of its junction with the L-1231, to a point 50 metres, east of its junction with the N73/L1233 Junction (Skenakilla Crossroads).
Cecilstown	(a) On the L-1206, from a point 50 metres, north in direction of its junction with the N72 junction (Longfield's Cross), to the junction of L-1203/L1201.
Church Hill Td.	(a) On the L1111, from a point 50 metres, north in direction, of its junction with the N72, Churh Hill Junction, to its junction with the L-1108, Loumanagh Crossroads.
Doneraile	(a) On the L-1332, from a point 50 metres, north west in direction, with the N73 Junction (Skenakilla Crossroads), to a point 575 metres, south east of its junction with the R581.
	(b) On the L-1328, from a point 100 metres north west in direction of its junction with the L-5545, to a point 50 metres east of the N20 Junction Lis Ballyhea.

Dungourney	(a) On the L-3800, from a point 295 metres, north west in direction, from its junction with R-627 via L3600, L 1526 to a point 50 metres, south east in direction of the Monroe Crossroads.
Glenville	(a) On the L-2958, from a point 90 metres, south in direction of its junction with the L-2959, to a point 50 metres, north of the junction at College Rd., L-3002.
Halfway	(a) On the L2231, from a point 620 metres, north east in direction, of its junction with the R589 Crossbarry Road, to a point 275 metres, west of its junction with the L-6458 Tullig Rd.
Kanturk	(a) On the L1026, from a point 630 metres, west in direction, from its junction with the L-1025 (Mill Rd.), to its junction at Horgan's Crossroads L-1036/R577.
Killavullen	(a) On the L-1219, from a point 50 metres, south east in direction, of its junction with the L-5403, to a point 20 metres, north west in direction of its junction with the L-57521.
Kinsale	(a) On the L-3201, from its junction with the R605, north west in direction, to a point 50 metres, south east of its junction with the L-7207.
Knocknagree	(a) On the L-1108, from a point 830 metres, east in direction, from its junction with the R582, to a point 1218 metres, south west in direction from its junction with the R577 (Mallow - Tralee Road).
Knockraha	(a) On the L-2966, from a point 50 metres, south west in direction of its junction with the L-3604, to a point 50 metres east of its junction with the L-2968.
Newmarket	(a) On the L-1018, from a point 538 metres, south west in direction, from its junction with the R576, to a point 50 metres, north of the junction at Ballyhoolahan Cross Rds., L-1033/L-1105
Liscarroll	(a) on the L-1049, from its junction with the R580, north in direction, to a point 50 metres, south of its junction with the L-13182.
Meelin	(a) On the L-1007, from a point 395 metres, south east in direction from its junction with the L1007, to its junction with the L-1015/R578 Mountkeeffe Crossroads

Millstreet	(a) On the L-1115, from a point 50 metres, south east in direction of its junction with the N72, to a point 75 metres, south east of its junction with L-5187.
Mogeely	(a) On the L-3805, from a point 180 metres, north west in direction, from its junction with the L-7833 to a point 180 metres, south east in direction, from its junction with the R627.
Mount Uniacke	(a) On the L-3806, from a point 50 metres, south east in direction of its junction with the L-3804, to a point 390 metres north east of its junction with the N25.
Rathcoole	(a) On the L1120 Millstreet - Banteer Road, from a point 196 metres, south west in direction of its junction with the L-1117 (Rathcool), to a point 50 metres, east of its junction with R583 (Coole Crossroads).
	(b) On the L-1117 Rathcoole Village Rd., from a point 600 metres, north in direction, of its junction with the Millstreet - Banteer Rd., L-1120, to a point 50 metres, south of its junction with the R583 (Old Forge Crossroads).
Rathduff	(a) On the L-2782, from a point 50 metres east in direction of its junction with the N20, south east in direction to a point 230 metres, north-west in direction of its junction with the L-2786.
Two Pot Crossroads to Oldcourt Td.	(a) On the L-3601, from a point 50 metres, south east in direction of the Two Pot Crossroads (L-3600), to a point 120 metres north of its junction with the L-3610.
Whitechurch	(a) On the L-2951, from a point 460 metres, south east in direction from its junction with the L-2960, to a point on the County/City Boundary.
Whitechurch	(b) On the L-2951, from a point 360 metres, north west of its junction with the L-2961, to the junction of Daly's Crossroads.

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