

Circular RSD 02/2015

To each City and County Chief Executive:

1st July 2015

Communication regarding Circular RSD 01/2015 – Section2: Update of Speed Limits

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1. Your attention is drawn to Circular RSD 01/2015 of 23 April 2015 and specifically to Section 2 of that Circular (**Update of Speed Limits**).
2. Section 2 of Circular RDS 01/2015 provides as follows:

“2. Update of Speed Limits

The NRA and all local authorities are being requested to commence a comprehensive review and update of all speed limits in their administrative area in accordance with the 2015 Guidelines. This should be fully completed and implemented through bye-laws, where required, by end of April 2017. Specifically this shall include:-

- *Confirm existing Speed Limit bye-laws and signs,*
- *For National Roads implement 80km/h on those sections that are not suitable for a 100km/h Speed Limit. [led by National Roads Authority],*
- *For Regional and Local Roads identify and implement 100 km/h Speed limits on those sections that are suitable,*
- *Implement Speed Limits lower than 80km/h as appropriate for ‘at-risk’ locations.*
- *Implement appropriate speed limits for urban areas,*
- *Implement 30km/h for housing estates that are suitable,*
- *Implement ‘Slow Zones’ for housing estates that are suitable,*
- *Review Speed Limits at locations where there have been queries.*

All existing and future Speed Limit signs and zones should be fully recorded on MapRoad. A programme setting out timelines and steps for the above shall be prepared and submitted to the Department at speedlimits@dtas.ie by 29th May 2015.”

3. AA Ireland has identified certain roads (or sections of road) throughout the country where it considers that the current speed limit merits review. AA Ireland has provided this Department with lists of such roads, broken down by county.
4. In this regard, the list of roads provided by AA Ireland that are relevant to your functional area is attached.
5. When implementing Section 2 of Circular RSD 01/2015, this Department is now requesting that arrangements are made in your Local Authority to ensure that due regard is given to roads, or sections of road, on this list.

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