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Circular RW 12/2015

Director of Services
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Speed Limit Funding for 30km/h in Housing Areas

Dear Director of Services,

I refer to RW 8 of 2015 Speed Limit Funding in which you were asked to estimate your signage requirements under this programme.

Your Council is being provided with an allocation of €«Allocation» towards signage in housing areas in 2015 bringing the Council's total funding allocation under Speed Limits to €«Total_Allocation». It should be noted that this allocation allows for the provision of the **total** number of portable speed measurement devices requested by your Authority.

The portable speed measurement devices selected by your authority should be capable of measuring speed, counting traffic and analysing the measured data. In order to ensure optimum use of such devices in the future and the uploading of appropriate data records into MapRoad, authorities should advise the Department of the Make/Model of any existing devices and also those which are purchased and the format of the data output. Such information should be sent to roadsdivision@dtas.ie within 2 weeks of purchase of any new devices.

Road Authorities should utilise the measurement devices to assist them in obtaining typical speeds in housing areas. The advice in section 7.3.2.1 of the "Guidelines for Setting and Managing Speed Limits in Ireland" should then be followed when determining what signage is required. If a road authority wishes in the first instance to adopt a minimum level of signage (a 450 mm diameter 30 km/h sign plate on a single post) at each entrance to an estate but is aware that it may have to migrate to combination signs at a later stage if the 30 km/h sign plates are not sufficiently effective in reducing speeds then it should consider installing a foundation and post size appropriate to the combination sign from the start. This will facilitate any subsequent replacement of the simple speed limit plates with combination signs.

Implementing by-laws on a phased basis and having regard to before and after speeds will allow road authorities to assess the effectiveness of the different sign sizes and combinations. This

information will then assist those authorities in determining the appropriate level of signage in other housing areas.

Any queries in relation to this Circular should be addressed to roadsdivision@dtas.ie.

Yours Sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary McCullagh".

Mary McCullagh
Assistant Principal