

SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk

Dear Michael,

The Roads (Speed Limit) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make a Statutory Rule under powers conferred by Articles 37 and 38 of the Road Traffic Regulation (Northern Ireland) Order 1997 (“the 1997 Order”). The Statutory Rule is not subject to any Assembly procedure and does not require to be laid before the Assembly.

Article 37 of the 1997 Order makes a road a restricted road subject to a 30mph speed limit if a system of street lighting is provided on the road and enables the Department, by Order, to make a road a restricted road. It also enables the Department, by Order, to remove a 30mph speed limit from a road even if a system of street lighting is provided on the road.

Article 38 of the 1997 Order enables the Department, by Order, to apply speed limits to roads that are not restricted roads.

A speed limit defines the maximum legal speed that vehicles are permitted to travel on a road. Speed limits are generally introduced for road safety reasons but can also be introduced for traffic progression purposes, or for environmental and accessibility reasons.

Purpose of the Statutory Rule

The proposed Rule will-

- apply a 30 miles per hour speed limit to a length of Rossinver Road, **Garrison** to reduce vehicular speed on the approach to the village in response to a request from Councillor Anthony Feely;
- apply a 30 miles per hour speed limit and apply a 40 miles per hour speed limit to lengths of Benone Avenue, **Limavady** to improve road safety by reducing vehicular speed;
- apply a 40 miles per hour speed limit to a length of Clabby Road, **Clabby**; Sligo Road, Letterbreen, **Enniskillen**; Ballinlea Road, **Mosside**; and Tempo Road, **Tempo**. The proposals for Clabby and Tempo aim to reduce vehicular speed on the approach to the villages and are in response to requests from Deborah Erskine MLA. The proposal for Enniskillen is in response to a request from Councillor Mark Ovens and aims to reduce vehicular speed. The proposal for **Mosside** aims to manage vehicular speed and improve driver behaviour in order to reduce the risk of collisions and improve safety for pedestrians;
- extend the length of an existing 40 miles per hour speed limit on a length of Cromore Road, **Coleraine** after the implementation of a footway/cycleway scheme; and
- revoke a number of other speed limits relating to: Clabby Road, **Clabby**; Cromore Road, **Coleraine**; Sligo Road, Letterbreen, **Enniskillen**; Benone Avenue, **Limavady**; and Doon Road, **Tempo** to allow the speed limits specified above to take effect.

Previous Engagement with the Committee

None.

Consultation

The PSNI in the relevant areas have been consulted and have no objections to the proposals. Causeway Coast & Glens Borough Council and Fermanagh and Omagh District Council were notified of the proposals but have not commented.

Following completion of the required statutory consultation process which opened on 14 January 2026 and closed on 6 February 2026 and included advertising of the Notice of Intention in the Belfast Telegraph, Irish News and Newsletter no objections or other representations were received during the objection period.

Equality Impact

There are no known Section 75 implications. Following publication of the Notice of Intention in the local press, no Section 75 issues were raised.

Regulatory Impact

A regulatory impact assessment was not considered necessary as the proposals do not result in any costs or savings on businesses, charities, or voluntary bodies.

Rural Needs Impact

A rural needs impact assessment was not considered necessary.

Data Protection Impact

The Department has carried out a Data Protection Screening Analysis, and no data protection issues have been identified.

Child Rights Impact

A separate child rights impact assessment was not considered necessary as impacts on children and young people have been captured in the appropriate section of the Section 75 screening form.

Position in Great Britain

Not applicable.

Any Other Information

None.

Financial Implications

Spend will be incurred in 2025-26 and relates to departmental staff costs as well as any physical infrastructure costs, for which there is sufficient budget.

Compliance with Section 24 of the Northern Ireland Act 1998

The Department has carried out a Human Rights Act Screening Analysis, and no human rights issues have been identified.

Consideration by the Executive

Not required.

Proposed Timing of Consideration of the SL1

This SL1 has been submitted in accordance with the minimum four-week timeframe, and it is proposed the Committee considers the SL1 as soon as possible.

Proposed Operational Date

It is proposed the Rule will come into operation approximately one month following its consideration by the Committee.

The draft of the proposed Statutory Rule is attached, and you will wish to bring this matter to the attention of the Committee for Infrastructure.

Yours sincerely,



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