

## **SL1 – To Departmental Committee Clerk**

Dear Michael

### **The Schools (Part-Time 20mph Speed Limit) (Amendment No. 4) Order (Northern Ireland) 2026**

The Department for Infrastructure proposes to make a Statutory Rule under powers conferred by Article 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 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 20 miles per hour speed limit to a length of:

- Belmont Road, Belfast adjacent to Belmont Primary School;
- Rosgoill Park and Shaws Road, Belfast adjacent to Bunscoil Phobal Feirste Primary School;
- Tennent Street, Belfast adjacent to Edenbrooke Primary School;
- Ballycreen Drive, Lisburn adjacent to St. Aloysius Primary School;
- Carr Road, Lisburn adjacent to Carr Primary School;
- Seymour Street, Lisburn adjacent to St. Joseph’s Primary School; and
- Halfpenny Gate Road, Moira adjacent to Brookfield Primary School.

The effect of the Order is that the current speed limit applicable on these lengths of road shall be reduced to 20 miles per hour when a 20 miles per hour speed limit is indicated by means of a variable message traffic sign, the operation and timing of which will coincide primarily with the opening and closing times of each school.

#### **Previous Engagement with the Committee**

None.

#### **Consultation**

The PSNI, Belfast City Council and Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council have been notified of the proposals but have not commented.

Following completion of the required statutory consultation process, which opened on 25th February 2026 and closed on 25th March 2026 and included advertising of the Notice of Intention in the Belfast Telegraph, Irish News and News Letter, no objections or other representations were received.

#### **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**

A data protection impact assessment was not considered necessary.

**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 relates primarily to departmental staff costs as well as any physical infrastructure costs. Funding for future works will be subject to the outcome of Budget 2026-29/30.

**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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**Date:** 9 April 2026

**cc: Human Rights Commission**  
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