



NATIONAL SPEED LIMIT REVIEW PHASE 2 - BUILT-UP AND URBAN AREA SPEED LIMITS - CORK CITY

Following the implementation of Phase 1 of the national speed limit changes, the reduction in the default speed limit on rural local roads from 80 km/h to 60 km/h in February 2025, Cork City Council is now commencing Phase 2 of the proposed speed limit changes, the implementation of **built-up and urban area speed limits**.

30 km/h speed limits have been implemented on many urban roads in Cork City over the past number of years particularly in housing estates supported by funding from the Department of Transport. This phase of speed limit changes will build on this positive work and proposes to introduce further 30km/h speed limits as follows;

- All housing estate roads
- Residential streets
- Roads adjacent to schools
- Roads in the urban area where there is significant and regular interaction with vulnerable road users

Higher speed limits may apply within the urban area as follows:

- 50 km/h for National, Regional, arterial roads and key public transport routes
- 60 km/h on Transition zones on National, Regional, arterial roads and key public transport routes
- Urban arterial roads with a high design speed such as motorway, certain dual carriageways and roads with limited access

A lower speed limit of 20 km/h may apply on pedestrian zones, shared spaces and narrow laneways.

Cork City Council now seeks to collect the views of the public and stakeholders regarding speed limits on public roads in built-up and urban areas of Cork City.

Submissions may be made either;

- electronically via the Cork City Council Online Consultation Portal at <https://consult.corkcity.ie/>
- or in writing to the Senior Executive Engineer, Traffic Regulation & Safety Section, Room 339, City Hall, Cork, T12 T997

This public consultation will remain open until 5pm on **Friday the 13th February 2026**. Further information is available at <https://consult.corkcity.ie/>

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Dated: Friday 16th January, 2026**