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Cllr. Christy Burke
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c.c. Rosanna Camargo

Re: Items raised at North Central Area Committee Meeting held on 19th April, 2021

At the above meeting, the North Central Area Committee agreed the following regarding Motion 6 L in the name of Cllr. Naoise O'Muirí and Cllr. Damian O'Farrell.

6. Motions

I Motion in the name of Councillor Naoise O'Muirí & Councillor Damian O'Farrell

"That this Area committee proposes that a voluntary 30kph maximum speed limit trial takes place on two consecutive days (one weekday / one weekend day ie Friday / Saturday or Sunday / Monday) within the Dublin City Council functional area.

The purpose of the voluntary 2-day 30kph trial would be to raise the public's awareness of Dublin City Council's ongoing Special Speed Bye-Laws procedure and allow them make an informed submission.

The voluntary 30kph trial would only take place if approval is given by Dublin City Council that the impending DCC Special Speed Bye-Laws are sent for statutory public consultation"

Reply

The 2004 Road Traffic Act provides the legislative basis for speed limits generally, providing for the application of default speed limits in respect of various road types. There is no provision in legislation to allow us to have a trial for the 30 kph speed limit as set out in this motion.

The Default speed limits can only be changed by making Special Speed Limit bye-laws. The power to do so is vested in the Elected Members of Local Authorities. The primary purpose of any such intervention should be to better match the maximum speed allowed to the road conditions, and to improve road safety.

To introduce the changed by making Special Speed Limit bye-laws local authorities most follow the following procedure setting in the

Guidelines For Setting and Managing Speed Limits In Ireland

(<https://www.tipperarycoco.ie/sites/default/files/Publications/Guide%20Speed%20Limits%20March%202015.pdf>)

Please see following diagram process:

GUIDELINES FOR SETTING AND MANAGING SPEED LIMITS IN IRELAND

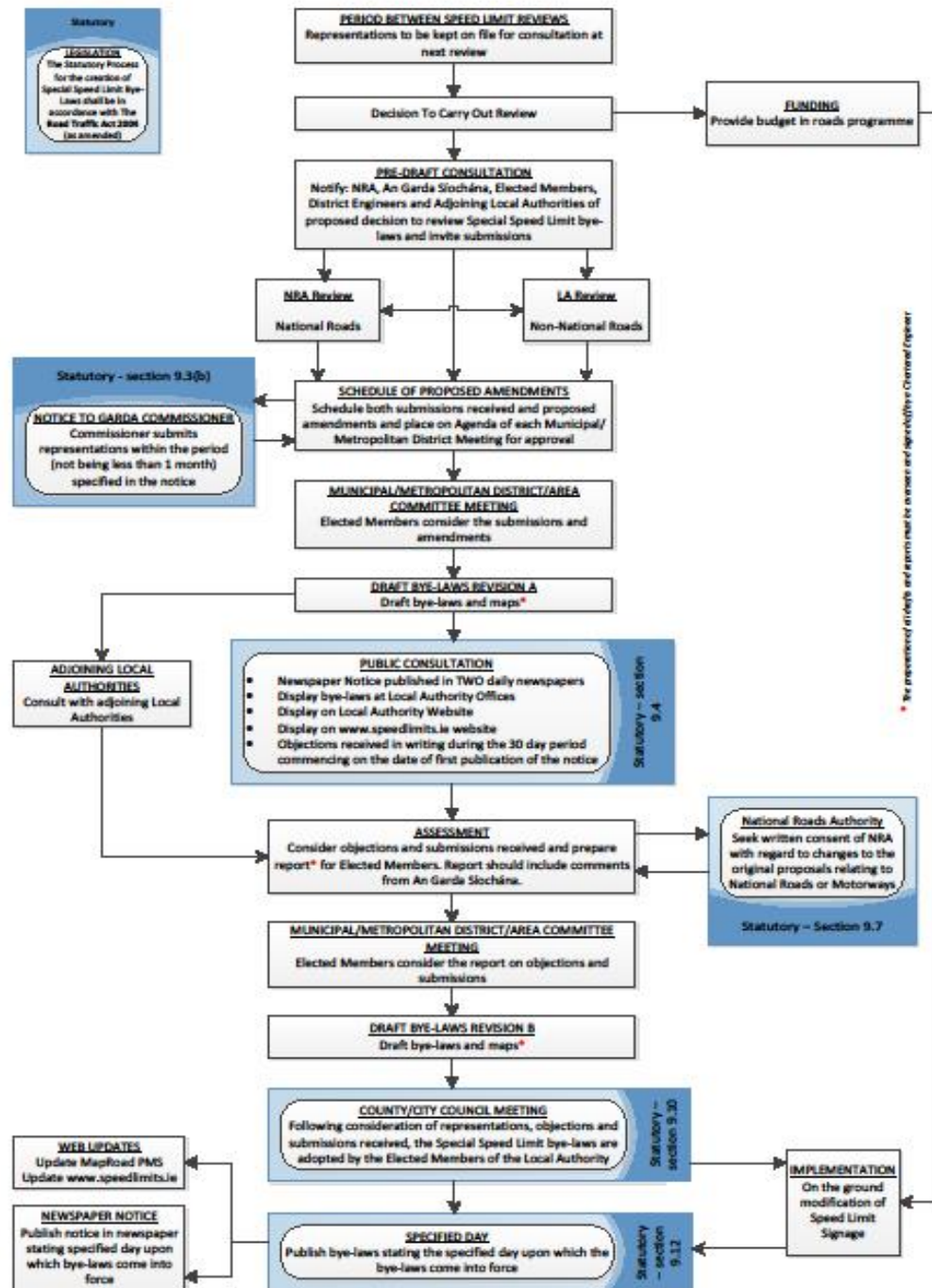


Figure 4.4 – Process of making bye-laws

Currently the Road Safety Section is working on the proposal for Dublin City Council Special Speed Limit bye-Laws April 2021. After the Non Statutory Public Consultation we are expecting to produce our final version of the proposal and we are aiming to report the outcome of the non-statutory public consultation at the next Transportation SPC meeting.

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Order: Seconded by Cllr. Heney and thirded by Cllr. Brabazon. Opposition noted Cllr. Cooney, Cllr Lyons and Cllr. Mac Donncha.
Agreed to send to Traffic SPC for consideration.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and if you have any queries please contact Ms. Dara McLoughlin, Staff Officer at 222 8847 or Ms. Catherine Cahill, Staff Officer at 222 8846.

Karl Mitchell
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