

The speed survey for this length of road shows the eighty fifth percentile at 53 miles per hour whilst the mean speed indicates 44 miles per hour, both of these figures are well in excess of the proposed 30 miles per hour limit.

I note from your letter the reason for this proposal is due to the reduction of school transport availability and that there is a footpath on the north side of the roadway.

This reason is outwith Department of Transport recommenda

Further referring to the Department of Transport circular 01/2 driver speeds to below a new lower local limit it is important that the limit is signed correctly. The Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002 do not permit the use of 30 miles per hour speed repeater signs along this route.

I note your examples of other roads in the area.

At A761, near St. Benedict's High School there are roundabouts at either end of this stretch of roadway. These fixed engineering solutions force drivers to proceed at a slower speed in the area.

Also the A726, near St. Andrew's Academy, until recently this was a 40 miles per hour speed limit. It has been reduced to 30 miles per hour to bring it into line with surrounding streets. It likewise has fixed engineering solutions namely roundabouts in close proximity.

Due to the nature of this road and the current vehicles speeds, I do not envisage that there would be any significant reduction in speed by drivers.

Placing a 30 miles per hour limit on this roadway may therefore give pedestrians a false impression of safety.

I therefore cannot support the proposed restrictions.