

**FINGAL COUNTY COUNCIL**

**CASTLEKNOCK/MULHUDDART AREA COMMITTEE  
(Services A – Operations)**

**THURSDAY, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2015**

**ITEM NO 39**

**Carpenterstown Road – Proposed Traffic Calming Scheme**

Carpenterstown Road is a wide distributor road with widths of up to 9.5m, which links from Castleknock College to the residential area of Carpenterstown. The speed limit on this road is 50km/hr, however, due to the nature of the road and the behaviour of some motorists, that speed limit is often exceeded. A bus lane exists on the section of road from the roundabout at the Carpenterstown shops, up to the roundabout that intersects with Riverwood Road and beyond towards Carpenterstown Avenue and into Laurel Lodge.

Speed Cushions were installed in 2010 along the Diswellstown Road from Fernleigh up to the roundabout with the Carpenterstown shops. It is proposed to extend these ramps up to the roundabout that intersects with the Riverwood Road and also to install them on the southern section coming from Castleknock College direction, from east of the junction with Burnell Park Avenue. This is the commencement of the denser residential sections. The road is wide and gives the driver the impression that higher speeds can be achieved on this road. However, there are driveways that lead directly onto the road and many children would use both roads to access the school at St. Patrick's N.S. and Castleknock Community College. There are uncontrolled crossing points at the roundabout by the Carpenterstown Shops which are utilized by many. Presently cars approach this roundabout from both directions with excessive speed and without due care for the presence of vulnerable users. The presence of 3 ramps between Burnell Park Avenue and the roundabout at the Carpenterstown shops, and 4 ramps between the Carpenterstown shops roundabout and the roundabout that intersects with Riverwood Road, would significantly reduce the speed of vehicles. This would enable the safe entry/exit of residents to/from their homes, and provide a safer environment for pedestrians and cyclists who are trying to access the school, park, shops and local services.

Funding of €35,000 has been allocated in the 2015 programme of works for this calming, and it is proposed to put the scheme on Public Display pending approval from this area committee. A leaflet drop to the houses on Carpenterstown Road that are directly affected will be carried out during the consultation period.