

MAYNOOTH CYCLING CAMPAIGN

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30kph Speed Limit - End of the World is Nigh?

What have Norwich, Oxford City Council, Amsterdam, Dublin, Galway and Cork all in common? They have all either introduced or plan to introduce 30 kph zones. In Portsmouth, 30kph has been the default speed limit for residential roads and urban areas for over a year. After Barcelona introduced its first pilot "Zone 30" designated area in June 2006, accident rates dropped by up to 27%. As a result, the city now proposes to increase its 50 km length of 30 kph zones to **215 km**. Many local authorities on the continent even plan to reduce the speed limit around schools to 20kph.

Maynooth Cycling Campaign welcomes the recent extension of the 30kph speed limit in Dublin city centre and calls on local politicians to reduce the speed limit in Maynooth in the interests of road safety. A spokesperson for the campaign said "Due to its small size, the difference in time between driving from one end of Maynooth to the other at 30kph rather than 50kph is ONE minute - you would spend longer waiting at traffic lights".

"The time has come to stop maintaining high vehicle speeds at the expense and cost of pedestrian and cycling mobility. Traffic calming in the vicinity of schools fails to protect children elsewhere".

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Within the last two years, two pedestrians have been killed on the streets of Maynooth, a tragedy for loved ones, families and friends. The freedom of drivers to drive at the speed of their choosing should not outweigh the rights of vulnerable road users.

Meanwhile, according to the AA and many commentators, the end of the world is nigh because the area covered by the 30kph speed limit in Dublin city has been slightly extended.

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