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Re: - Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS)

Dear Director,

With reference to the above, the Minister for Transport, Tourism and Sport Mr Leo Varadkar, together with the Minister for Housing and Planning at the Department for Environment, Community and Local Government Ms. Jan O'Sullivan, launched the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) on 25th March 2013.

The Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) is now mandatory for all Local Authorities with effect from the date of this Circular for all urban roads and streets within the 60 km/h urban speed limit zone except for

- Motorways
- In exceptional circumstances, certain urban roads and streets with the written consent of the relevant Sanctioning Authority

In addition the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (DMRB) shall not henceforth apply to urban roads and streets other than in exceptional circumstances. Where those circumstances arise, written approval shall be obtained from the relevant sanctioning authority listed below:-

- The National Roads Authority (NRA) in respect of urban national roads. The NRA shall consult with the NTA in respect of such roads which lie within the Greater Dublin Area
- The National Transport Authority (NTA) in respect of Regional and Local Roads within the Greater Dublin Area
- The Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in respect of Urban Regional and Local Roads

DMURS sets out design guidance and standards for both new and existing urban roads and streets in Ireland, incorporating good planning and design practice.

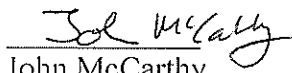
The guidelines set out in this Manual outline practical design measures to support and encourage more sustainable travel patterns in urban areas and DMURS provides guidance relating to the design of urban roads and streets. DMURS is designed to be universally accessible to all professionals associated with street design. The principles, approaches and standards set out in DMURS are intended for use by suitably qualified and experienced designers who work within the built environment professions.

The DMURS Manual is available for download on the Department of Transport Tourism and Sport's website www.DTTAS.ie. and on the Department of Environment Community & Local Government's website www. Environ.ie

In addition hard copies of the DMURS Manual will be available for collection at the forthcoming Roads Conference for Local Authorities due to take place in Athlone on the 23rd May 2013. In that regard it would be appreciated if you could email your requirements to DMURS@DTTAS.ie prior to the event in order to ensure a sufficient quantity of Manuals are available on the day along with the name of the person who will collect the copies.

Further details regarding workshops and training will be circulated at a later date.

Yours sincerely,


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The Director of Services for Roads/Transport/Infrastructure for each City & County Council
Town Clerk of each Town Council (former Borough & UDC)