

## **Summary of Proposed Variation No.3 of Monaghan County Development Plan 2013-19**

### **(Incorporation of Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets)**

The Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS) was jointly published by the Department of Environment Community and Local Government and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport in 2013. DMURS provides guidance relating to the design of urban roads and streets, with the overall aim of making urban areas safer through a shift in dominance from motor vehicles to pedestrians. The provisions of this manual apply to urban areas with speed limits of 60kph and below, and supersede the standards set out in the Design Manual for Roads and Bridges for these urban areas.

DMURS represents a departure from the traditional approach to road traffic design which had a highly segregated, highly regulated and vehicle centred approach. It incorporates physical design measures to develop a strong sense of enclosure such as reduced road widths, tighter radii and lower visibility standards, frequent crossing points, traffic calming, minimal signage and road markings, and use of shared surfaces, to lower vehicle speeds and reduce collisions between vehicles and pedestrians. The design measures aim to induce enhanced driver awareness of vulnerable road users and to act on the psychology of drivers causing them to moderate their behaviour and speed.

DMURS principles must be incorporated into policy documents, and all future urban developments must be set within the DMURS framework. Consequently, it is proposed to make a variation to the Monaghan County Development Plan to incorporate DMURS as follow:-

### **Current Wording in Chapter 15 of Monaghan County Development Plan 2013-2019**

#### **15.23.2 Sight Distances for a New Access to Other Development**

Sight distance for all other types of development will be in accordance with NRA DMRB.

### **Proposed Wording in Chapter 15 of Monaghan County Development Plan 2013-2019**

#### **15.23.2 Sight Distances for a New Access to Other Development**

Sight distance for all other types of development will be in accordance with:-

- (a) The Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (jointly published by Department of Environment Community and Local Government and the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport) where located in the urban areas with speed limits of 60kph and below.
- (b) The Design Manual for Roads and Bridges (published by NRA) where located in the general speed limit area