

Dear Mr. Murphy,

Thank you for your correspondence in which South Dublin County Council raised their concerns about the timing of the Road Traffic and Roads Bill 2021 via a Council motion.

The Bill recently completed all stages of both the Seanad and Dail. The President signed the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 into law on the 23rd of June 2023. Under the Programme for Government, it was agreed that the anti-social use of scramblers would require additional legislative measures to ensure both the safety of the user, and the public. Among many issues, the Road Traffic and Roads Act 2023 aims to adequately tackle the current anti-social use of scramblers and quads via three measures:

- Dangerous driving, which was only an offence in a public place will become an offence everywhere;
- There will be new Garda powers of seizure;
- There will also be a new power to provide in regulations for the prohibition or restriction of the uses of classes of vehicles in particular places.

Work on the commencement orders has already started. The Department of Transport will consult with stakeholders in the context of preparing regulations under the new powers. It is important that these regulations have the desired effect, and that the correct areas and territories are targeted.

With best wishes,

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