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#### *Leasuithe Amendments*

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1. In page 52, line 11, after “fixed” to insert “and mobile”.

—Brian Leddin.

2. In page 53, line 37, to delete “and refuelling infrastructure”.

—Brian Leddin.

3. In page 54, line 11, after “importance” to insert the following:

“and is primarily for the purposes of providing public transport or active (walking or cycling) transport infrastructure, only where the scheme or proposed road development will not contribute to carbon emissions from the transport sector and only where the scheme or proposed road development will not otherwise increase private vehicle travel, induced demand through the provision of road capacity for private vehicle use or induced demand through the provision of private car storage”.

—Brian Leddin.

4. In page 54, line 14, after “development” to insert the following:

“, which is primarily for the purposes of public transport or active (walking or cycling) transport infrastructure,”.

—Brian Leddin.

5. In page 54, line 26, after “plan” to insert the following:

“, only where the scheme or proposed road development will not contribute to carbon emissions from the transport sector and only where the scheme or proposed road development will not otherwise increase private vehicle travel, induced demand through the provision of road capacity for private vehicle use or induced demand through the provision of private car storage”.

—Brian Leddin.

6. In page 54, between lines 26 and 27, to insert the following:

**“Amendment of section 70 of Act of 1993**

**45.** The Act of 1993 is amended in section 70—

- (a) in subsection (2), by the substitution of the following paragraph for paragraph (b):

“(b) where a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation is a hazard or potential hazard to persons using a public road or where it obstructs or interferes with the safe use of a public road or with the maintenance of a public road, a road authority may serve a notice in writing on the owner or occupier of the land on which such tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation is situated requiring the preservation, lopping, trimming or as a last resort the felling, cutting or removal of such tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation within the period stated in the notice.”,

and

- (b) in subsection (9), by the insertion of the following after “hazard.”:

“In the case of a tree, shrub, hedge or other vegetation, preservation, trimming or lopping shall be prioritised over felling, cutting or removal.”.

—Steven Matthews.

7. In page 57, between lines 18 and 19, to insert the following:

“(13) The Minister shall, within six months of the passing of this Act, commission and publish a report on the regulatory and legislative changes required in order to establish an online portal for the uploading of dash cam and helmet camera footage to aid in the investigation and prosecution of road traffic offences.”.

—Darren O'Rourke.

8. In page 57, to delete lines 34 and 35 and substitute the following:

“(b) trees, landscaping and planting,

and where all reasonable efforts to reallocate existing public land including the reallocation of existing vehicle road space have been made and where land being acquired by the Authority by agreement or by means of a compulsory purchase order made by the Authority is used to reflect road space reallocation and prioritisation consistent with the road user hierarchy of—

- (i) pedestrians,
- (ii) cyclists,
- (iii) public transport users,

- (iv) private goods vehicles,
- (v) private shared vehicles, and
- (vi) private vehicles.”,”.

—Brian Leddin.

9. In page 61, between lines 6 and 7, to insert the following:

“and

(r) by the insertion of the following subsection after subsection (20):

“(21) In relation to any new traffic sign erected after the coming into operation of the *Road Traffic and Roads Act 2022*, or to any renewal or restoration of an old traffic sign done after the coming into operation of that Act, including those to which Regulations under section 95(2) of the Act of 1961 apply and those to which a direction under 95(16) of that Act applies—

(a) subject to the provisions of this subsection, any traffic sign placed in any site in the State shall be in the Irish language or in the Irish language and in English notwithstanding any other enactment. In the case of a traffic sign in both the Irish and English languages—

(i) the text in the Irish language shall be first,

(ii) the text in the Irish language shall be as prominent as or more prominent than, as visible as or more visible than, and as legible as or more legible than the text in the English language, and it shall be in the same typeface and style,

(iii) the lettering in the text in the Irish language shall not be smaller in size than the lettering in the text in the English language, or in italic typeface where the text in the English language is not in italic typeface,

(iv) the text in the Irish language shall convey the same information as is conveyed by the text in the English language,

(v) no word of the text in the Irish language shall be abbreviated unless the word in the text in the English language, which is a translation thereof, is likewise abbreviated,

(vi) where the text in the Irish language and the text in the English language are the same or the pronunciation of a place-name in the Irish language and in the English language are the same, the Irish language version alone shall be sufficient,

(vii) notwithstanding the generality of this subsection, traffic signs may be erected that are in accordance with the International System of Units as adopted by the *Bureau Internationale des Poids et Mesures*, established by the Metre Convention signed

at Paris in 1875, and

(viii) where a place-names order under section 32 is, for the time being, in force, the Irish language version of the word or words specified in the order shall be used in any traffic signs erected,

(b) where it is intended to locate a traffic sign in the Irish language and in the English language and, as a result of text in both those languages being present, that it would be too large or that it would be difficult to read or that it would be likely to cause an obstruction, or that it would be likely that persons would, while reading it, constitute a danger to themselves or to others, 2 signs instead may be placed at that location, one bearing the information concerned in the Irish language and the other bearing the English language equivalent while complying with the provisions in paragraph (a),

(c) (i) only the Irish language version of a place-name, including accents on vowels, shall be used for official purposes on and from 1 January 2025 notwithstanding any other enactment, but without prejudice to anything done before or after that date, including on any new or restored road sign erected following that date, unless an exceptional case is decided in line with subparagraph (ii).

(ii) the Minister may, after consultation with the body referred to in section 31 of the Official Languages Act 2003, pursuant to an application by a local authority regarding a particular place or site administered by the local authority, and only on a case-by-case basis where an exceptionally higher than average heritage or economic value attaches to the visibility of another version of its place-name, by order, declare that a version of the place-name in a language other than the Irish language may be used on a new or restored road sign.

(iii) every order to which subparagraph (ii) applies shall be laid by the Minister before each House of the Oireachtas as soon as may be after it is made and, if a resolution annulling the order is passed by either such House within the next 21 days on which that House has sat after the order is laid before it, the order shall be annulled accordingly but without prejudice to the validity of anything previously done thereunder.

(iv) A declaration under subparagraph (ii) shall not be permitted—

(I) in relation to any place in a Gaeltacht area, in accordance with the Gaeltacht Act 2012,

(II) in relation to any place-name whose version in the other language or languages is pronounced as the official Irish language place-name is pronounced, or

(III) in relation to affording State recognition to an English language place-name created as part of the colonial efforts of the Ordnance Survey to anglicise native place-names between 1824 and 1846,

and

(v) where the Minister makes a declaration under subparagraph (ii), the official Irish language place-name shall be written in larger and more visible print than the other language or languages,

and

(d) in the case of a conflict or a dispute regarding a place-name in any location in the State, a decision shall be made as to the official correct version in accordance with sections 31 and 32 of the Official Languages Act 2003, and all relevant road signs shall comply with their determinations.”.”.

—Aengus Ó Snodaigh, Pa Daly, Darren O'Rourke.

**10.** In page 71, line 10, after “vehicles” to insert “, including pedal bicycles and pedal tricycles”.

—Brian Leddin.

**11.** In page 71, lines 12 and 13, to delete “and refuelling infrastructure for zero to low emission vehicles” and substitute “for zero to low emission vehicles, including pedal bicycles and pedal tricycles”.

—Brian Leddin.

**12.** In page 71, lines 15 and 16, to delete “and refuelling infrastructure for zero to low emission vehicles” and substitute “for zero to low emission vehicles, including pedal bicycles and pedal tricycles”.

—Brian Leddin.

**13.** In page 71, line 19, to delete “and refuelling infrastructure for zero to low emission vehicles” and substitute “for zero to low emission vehicles, including pedal bicycles and pedal tricycles”.

—Brian Leddin.

**14.** In page 71, lines 21 and 22, to delete “and refuelling infrastructure for zero to low emission vehicles” and substitute “for zero to low emission vehicles, including pedal bicycles and pedal tricycles”.

—Brian Leddin.

**15.** In page 71, lines 25 and 26, to delete “and refuelling infrastructure for zero to low emission vehicles” and substitute “for zero to low emission vehicles, including pedal bicycles and pedal tricycles”.

—Brian Leddin.

16. In page 71, between lines 29 and 30, to insert the following:

- “(f) promote and assist research, provide advice, information and guidance, engage with stakeholders and prepare reports in relation to the impacts of zero to low emission vehicle size, weight, speed, type, choice of vehicle for journey type in relation to road safety, collision injury outcomes, road wear and tear and energy use,
  - (g) promote and assist research, provide advice, information and guidance, engage with stakeholders and prepare reports in relation to zero to low emission vehicle car sharing schemes,
  - (h) promote and assist research, provide advice, information and guidance, engage with stakeholders and prepare reports in relation to public health considerations in relation to driving zero to low emission vehicles, including air pollution from emissions, tyre and brake particulate matter pollution, noise pollution, car dependency and road safety for all road users.
- (4) Zero to low emission vehicles shall include all vehicles which can legally use the public road, including but not limited to bicycles and tricycles, and which are powered by electricity or by a combination of human power and electricity.”.

—Brian Leddin.