

**INSTALL SPEED RAMPS ALONG ARD NA GREINE AND THE GROVE IN DINGLE –  
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Fianna Fáil local election candidate for Dingle, Breandán Fitzgerald is calling on Kerry County Council to install speed ramps along two streets in the town. Mr. Fitzgerald has written to the council asking them to install these measures for reducing traffic speed in Ard na Greine before and after Aiseanna na hOige and along The Grove.

Residents in these areas have highlighted the need for these ramps given the number of children in the area.

“It’s clear that the residents on and near Ard na Greine and The Grove would like to see speed ramps installed. Parents in the area are becoming more and more concerned about the speed and level of traffic travelling up these roads. There are a lot of children in the area but at the moment there is nothing to stop cars bombing up and down these roads.”

“Installing speed ramps will reduce speed and make it easier for drivers to react if a child were to run out into the road in front of them. These are heavily residential areas so there is always the possibility that children will wander into the road. We have to accept that so the only way to minimise the risk to these children is to cut down on speeding.”

“For that reason, after having the issue highlighted by several of the residents in the area I have written to Kerry County Council and asked them to put these ramps in place as a matter of urgency. With the opening of Aiseanna na hOige there are now more children than ever who are playing near the Ard na Greine road and it is vital that we reduce the travelling speed of traffic using this road.”

“There’s a similar situation in the Grove where we need to reduce speed. I really think that it is clear that speed ramps are the best solution and that their early introduction will prevent accidents from happening and ultimately save lives,” Mr. Fitzgerald concluded.

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