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Dear Mr Sergeant

Thank you for your email of 20 December 2015 requesting information relating to speed bump compliance in Northern Ireland. I will address each of your queries in turn:

1. Can you confirm if speed bumps in Northern Ireland have to comply with any dimension regulations?

The installation of road humps on the public road network must comply with the requirements outlined in the Road Humps Regulations (Northern Ireland) 1999 and these can be accessed at <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/nisr/1999/101/made>

2. What are the dimensions?

The Regulations stipulate that road humps of any height between 25 millimetres and 100 millimetres are permitted. A road hump must also have a minimum length of 900 millimetres. The Regulations also state requirements for street lighting and appropriate traffic signs.

TransportNI has an established Policy and Procedure Guide that should be used by engineers to identify and prioritise traffic calming schemes and this can be viewed at www.drdni.gov.uk/sites/default/files/publications/drd/Dimension-location-and-spacing-of-road-humps-RSPPG-E045.pdf

When considering the location and spacing of road humps, reference should also be made to the Department for Transport's Local Transport Note 1/07 "Traffic Calming" which can be viewed at www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/329454/ltn-1-07_Traffic-calming.pdf

3. Are speed bumps checked for compliance with these regulations?

Our traffic calming schemes are routinely supervised during construction works and each traffic calming measure is checked for compliance with the regulations and design specification.

When we receive complaints about specific traffic calming measures our normal practice is to check that the measure(s) in question comply with the regulations and design specification.

4. Have any speed bumps had to be removed or replaced due to exceeding these dimensions? If so how many?

Since 2010, 35 speed bumps have been removed or replaced for failing to comply with regulations.

5. What are the total number of complaints received about speed bumps?

Unfortunately, we do not keep a record of the number of complaints about traffic calming measures in a readily accessible format and therefore we are unable to provide this information.

6. What are the total number of successful damage claims caused by non compliant speed bumps?

The number of successful damage claims is outlined in the table below:-

FINANCIAL YEAR	NO. OF SETTLEMENTS
2015/2016	0
2014/2015	2
2013/2014	0
2012/2013	4
2011/2012	1
2010/2011	6
TOTAL	13

I hope you find this response helpful, and that it meets your information requirements. If you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

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Yours sincerely,

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