



**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH PHORTLAIRGE
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD**

Re: Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 - Traffic Calming, footpath and Pedestrian Crossing Scheme
Commencement of Process at Quarry Road, Waterford City

As the Council will be aware there is a growing and urgent requirement to provide a safe pedestrian crossing and footpath at Quarry Road, Waterford in order to provide a link between the newer housing estates at Bowefield to the Gracedieu Road and with the schools, library and other amenities at Carrickphierish.

Ideally the Council would embark on a major road widening and junction upgrade at this location but funding is not available at present but it is likely that this will happen in the future as further lands in the area come in for development with associated funding streams.

The existing available road width at the top of Quarry Road for a distance of circa 44 meters is too narrow to accommodate a minimum width footpath and minimum standard 2 way vehicular carriageways.

Attempts over the past 12 months to secure relatively small amounts of land on either side of the road through agreement to facilitate a minor road widening and footpath scheme have been unsuccessful. Consideration has been given to using the CPO process but this is likely to be contested, very lengthy and ultimately very costly.

In the interim we are proposing a short to medium term measure with the intent of providing safe passage for pedestrians using the Quarry Road to access the footpath on the Gracedieu Road.

The proposal involves the creation of a yield / give way system, narrowing the existing carriageway to one way (in either direction) for a distance of 44 meters, a new uncontrolled pedestrian crossing and a new footpath as per the drawing attached. The proposal would

also require the lowering of the 50kph speed limit to 30kph on the approaches to the proposed works.

The proposed scheme would operate on the basis of traffic approaching from the South (top of Quarry Road) would yield to on-coming traffic coming up Quarry Road i.e. traffic coming up Quarry Road would have priority.

The scheme is intended as a short to medium term solution aimed at improving the facilities for the vulnerable road users.

Your approval to commence the Section 38 public consultation process is recommended. The scheme would revert to Council for final decision following the completion of this consultation.

Fergus Galvin
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