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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF WATERFORD**

**Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Traffic Calming Scheme
Faithlegg School- Improvement Works**

Proposal

Waterford City & County Council proposes to undertake road improvement works at Faithlegg School, Coolbunna, Co Waterford, as set out on the attached drawing. Works will include the widening and upgrade of the footpath adjacent and opposite to Faithlegg School, improved road markings, widening and reconstruction of the existing footpath and construction of a new push button crossing located outside the school entrance on the L4082 Cheekpoint Road.

The goal of this scheme is to achieve an improved pedestrian crossing point for children entering the school and encouraging children to walk to school with a safe crossing point from the locality.

Public Consultation

The proposal was advertised for submissions in the News & Star newspaper, the website, on social media and notified to An Garda Síochána inviting submission up to 15th June, 2021.

Submissions

The following submissions were received:-

Name	Issues raised in submission	Response
Cllr Jody Power	That WCCC consider the full safety aspect of the site and provide timed flashing lights and reduced speed limits to warn motorists of the on-coming danger.	A signalized push button crossing will be provided. Statutory lining in accordance with the controlled crossing will also be provided as part of the scheme. A speed limit review is planned for the Autumn and this location will be included for consideration.
Deputy Matt Shanahan TD	As visibility on both approaches to the school are obscured. I believe it might be prudent to have the road widened at the bend (coming from the direction of Waterford City) which obscures the view. Other measures to be included:- <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visibly highlighted pedestrian crossing. • Timed flashing pedestrian lights. • Reduced speed limits signage. 	Widening of the road is outside the scope of this particular scheme however it could be included in a future Low Cost Safety Scheme. A signalized push button crossing will be provided. Additional public lighting will

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced road markings referring to children crossing at least 200m prior to the proposed position of the crossing. 	also be put in place as well as signage on both approaches.
Board of Management, Scoil Náisiúnta Faiche Liag	<p>While we welcome the proposed road improvement works around Faithlegg National School we think that the following should be implemented at the same time as the crossing to enhance the safety.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Firstly a reduction in the speed limit on both approaches to the school from 50km/h to 30km/h.. Second, the signage forewarning of the school ahead needs to be highlighted or to stand out more to catch drivers attention The footpath installed in recent years from Faithlegg Church to the school has enhanced the lives of many of the parents and children attending the school. It would be beneficial to all involved if we could work on the above two areas simultaneously with the proposed crossing. 	<p>A speed limit review is planned for the Autumn and this location will be included for consideration.</p> <p>Additional public lighting and signage will be installed as part of the scheme.</p>
Cheekpoint and Faithlegg Development Group	<p>The three imperative issues are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> A reduction in the speed limits around the school Enhancement of the signage alerting of the school Guarantee the works are carried out during school holidays. <p>In addition, we believe there should be double yellow lines painted in areas where cars should not be parked or standing. The areas opposite the school, as well as on both sides of the road from the school down to the Coolbunnia road, should have double yellow lines painted to remove or limit parking in these areas.</p>	<p>A speed limit review is planned for the Autumn and this location will be included for consideration.</p> <p>Additional public lighting and signage will be installed as part of the scheme.</p> <p>In regard to timing of the works we are bound to go to tender under procurement rules and the construction process can only begin once the contract is awarded. A timeframe cannot be envisaged until then.</p> <p>Parking provision is a matter for the School and Board of Management.</p>
Claire Soden	<p>I would like to begin by stating how appreciative and thankful I am that this work is being considered. I have 4 concerns as outlined below.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> That works endeavour to be completed when school is on holidays. At the proposed crossing point opposite the school, I have concerns regarding safe and adequate visibility of oncoming traffic from the direction of Cheekpoint. There is a prominent verge which obscures the road view. Whilst vehicles are expected to stop at a pedestrian 	<p>In regard to timing of the works we are bound to go to tender under procurement rules and the construction process can only begin once the contract is awarded and a timeframe cannot be envisaged until then.</p> <p>A speed limit review is planned for the Autumn and this location will be included for consideration. A reduction in the speed limit at this location would improve safety.</p>

	<p>crossing it is imperative that the user have a clear line of sight to ensure this is happening.</p> <p>3. I have major concerns regarding the traffic speed approaching the proposed crossing from both directions. The council's stated goal is to ensure a safe walking passage for children to school. However the speed of vehicles on the stretch of road from Cheekpoint to Faithlegg church is not in concordance with this goal and in my opinion is a major hazard.</p> <p>4. The footpath from Faithlegg Church to the school is extremely narrow in parts and with vehicles permitted to drive up to 60km/hr - a small slip from a child would have catastrophic outcomes. Perhaps traffic calming measures along this stretch and protective barriers/bollards for the footpath could be considered.</p> <p>5. Perhaps the council could consider appropriate designated parking to maximise space and safety along this short stretch.</p>	<p>Additional public lighting and signage will be installed as part of the scheme.</p> <p>The provision of parking is a matter for the School and Board of Management.</p>
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Conclusion

The proposal as advertised and as set out above is recommended for your approval.

Fergus Galvin
Director of Services
Roads, Water and Environment
19th July, 2021.