



**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH AN CHOMARAIGH  
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF COMERAGH**

**Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 - Traffic Calming Scheme  
Commencement of Process along R675 Coast Road at Boatstrand, Co. Waterford**

**Proposal**

Waterford City & County Council proposes to undertake road improvement works along R675 at Boatstrand Village and the Junction to Boatstrand Harbour. The works will include improvements to the road alignment, improvements to sightlines, introduction of gateway signage, new surfacing and road markings, new footpaths and street lighting as well as a raised speed table at the junction with uncontrolled pedestrian crossings incorporated. The purpose of the scheme is to improve pedestrian safety and accessibility to the harbour and to reduce the speed and dominance of vehicular traffic through the settlement.

The scheme will prioritise pedestrian and cycle movements over vehicles and promote active travel by providing a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists to travel along the R675 between the main settlement in Boatstrand, the camping area, the harbour and those travelling to the harbour via the L4004 Kilsteague Road.

**Public Consultation**

The scheme was advertised in the News & Star on the 18<sup>th</sup> November, 2022, in our Customer Services Departments, on the website and sent to An Garda Síochána for their observations. The closing date for submissions was 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2022.

**Submissions**

The following submissions were received and responses to same are set out below in Table 1.

**Recommendation**

Your approval to commence the scheme as advertised is required.

**Fergus Galvin  
Director of Services  
Roads, Water and Environment  
18<sup>th</sup> January, 2023**

**Table 1:**

<b>SECTION 38 BOATSTRAND ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME – TABLE OF SUBMISSIONS/RESPONSES</b>			
<b>No.</b>	<b>Submission made by</b>	<b>Summary of Main Points/Issues Raised</b>	<b>Response</b>
1	Sheila Shanahan	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The issue of cliff erosion in the vicinity of this scheme was identified as a concern and queried whether this erosion and effect on the public road had been considered.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. A number of erosion sites along the R675 Coast Road between Bunmahon and Annestown which have the potential to affect the public road are currently being investigated and assessed by independent consultant engineers. The site identified by Ms Shanahan is included in the scope of this investigation. Any works required in relation to stabilisation/ protection of the public road will be addressed separately and is currently outside the scope of this project.</li> </ol>
2	Fiona Fogarty Superintendent Tramore Garda Station	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Planned works that are scheduled to take place on a roadway that has been a cause for concern for some time. Boatstrand attracts additional tourist traffic during the summer period and with parking is in very limited supply there is a danger for pedestrians. The proposed works and modifications are welcome from a Road Safety aspect.</li> <li>2. It is vital that measures are put in place to prohibit people from parking their cars on or adjacent to the new footpath.</li> <li>3. Waterford City &amp; County Council are attempting to lease some land, near the entrance to the pier, to be used for car parking over the summer period. This will also be welcome from Road Safety perspective.</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Noted</li> <li>2. A combination of kerbing, bollards and line marking will be used to deter parking in the immediate vicinity of the junction and footpath area.</li> <li>3. While the Roads Department are hopeful to agree local arrangements to address the lack of parking at the harbour, we currently have no agreement or plans in this regard.</li> </ol>