

## **TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE DUNGARVAN/LISMORE DISTRICT OF WATERFORD**

Re: Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Active Travel Scheme  
Fr Twomey’s Road – Pedestrian Crossing

The following proposed Active Travel scheme was advertised for public consultation from 10th May 2022 to 08th June 2022, inviting submissions before 20th June 2022.

- Construction of new Pedestrian crossing at Fr Twomey’s Road, Dungarvan. The scheme also includes a new Pedestrian/Cycle bridge linking Curraheen Commons to N25 although this S38 process refers only to the proposed pedestrian crossing.
- As part of the Active Travel works in the area, the objective is to improve walking routes, improve connections to existing footpaths and create safer crossing points.

### **Submissions:**

Four submissions were received during the statutory consultation period.

### ***Aighneacht uimhir a haon – Críostóir Ó Faoláin***

This submission welcomes the proposal.

### ***Freagra ar aighneacht uimhir a haon***

Submission is noted.

### ***Submission No. 2 – Chris Santillo***

This submission welcomes the scheme and makes an enquiry in relation to a possible Active Travel scheme at Abbesside GAA.

### ***Response to Submission No. 2***

Submission is noted. Consideration is being given to the development of pedestrian and cycling connectivity to Abbesside GAA.

### ***Submission No. 3 – National Parks & Wildlife Service***

This submission requested clarification on the exact location (grid reference) of the proposed bridge, and also if it was located on the Colligan River. The submission also enquired if the final design for the proposed bridge was completed and if any instream works were required for the construction of same.

### ***Response to Submission No. 3***

A detailed response was issued to NPWS in relation to this submission, however the main response points are:

- Grid location is X624,858 Y592,688
- Environment Section have confirmed that this is a drain from the treatment plant, road gullies, etc and not a stream or river.
- The proposal for a footbridge is not included in this S38. This will be progressed later as a separate project. Any environmental screening required will take place at that stage.

It must be noted that this S38 refers to the proposed pedestrian crossing and not the bridge.

### ***Submission No. 4 – Transport Infrastructure Ireland***

This submission refers to the existing pedestrian crossing on the N25 at the proposed bridge location and requests a Design Report that will assist in identifying and resolving road safety concerns for vulnerable road users.

### ***Response to Submission No. 4***

The query from TII on this S38 relates to the existing controlled pedestrian crossing on the N25 which is currently not commissioned. This S38 does not include the commissioning of this crossing point. The crossing point will be looked at under a separate project. The issues raised by the TII will be addressed at that stage.

### **Recommendation:**



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It is now proposed that the scheme proceed to procurement and construction.

Your approval to proceed with the scheme is recommended and requested.

Fergus Galvin  
Director of Services  
Roads, Water and Environment  
05<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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## Submission No. 1

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Áras Menapia,  
An Mall,  
Port Láirge. 29 Bealtaine 2022

TAG: Bóthar an tAthair Uí Thuama.

A chara,

Táim ag scríobh chugat maidir leis an gcomhairliúcháin atá ar siúl don obair atá beartaithe ag Bóthar an tAthair Uí Thuama. Fáiltím roimh an scéim seo, agus tacaím leis.

Le dea-mhéin

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Críostóir Ó Faoláin  
Ionadaí Áitiúil an Chomhaontais Ghlais i nDún Garbhán

## Submission No. 2

Hiya Ian,

We live in Ballinacourty and cycle to town on the Greenway daily; I wanted to chime in on the proposed Active Travel improvements on Shandon Rd, Fr Twomey's Rd, and at An Grianan. I think these are great improvements, and I'm excited to see them implemented.

I would also like to know if there are any plans to create an Active Travel path from the Abbeyside GAA out towards St Augustine's College? Our kids bike there a couple of times a week and currently have to go out the N25 to make the trip. It would be faster and much safer if there were a connection back that way. I heard a rumor that the main entrance might be moved contingent on some housing estate, but I'm just interested in an Active Travel path that would encourage more people to bike and walk there.

Thanks much!

With gratitude,

Chris Santillo

## Submission No. 3

Dear Ian,

I hope you are well today. I am reviewing the council proposals on behalf of NPWS for this part 8 proposal. It's great to see more cycle friendly infrastructure being planned.

Regarding Part 3 mentioned in the link above:

Can you provide a grid reference or a more detailed location (OSI map indicating the location), for the proposed cycle bridge crossing the river in Dungarvan?

Is it Colligan River in the image below?

I'm sure you are aware Dungarvan harbour SPA (Site Code: 000663), is a designated protected site. The exact location of this bridge is important to inform my comments. Also, is there a design for the bridge yet? Would there be any instream works in order to build this infrastructure?

Kindest Regards,

Mary Coleman

Conservation Ranger, Waterford

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An Roinn Tithíochta, Rialtais Áitiúil agus Oidreachta

Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

## Submission No. 4

A Chara,

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the above traffic calming scheme. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) notes publication of the Section 38 Traffic Calming Scheme relating to proposed works to Fr. Twomey's Road, Dungarvan. It is noted that the proposed works also incorporate pedestrian crossing facilities on the N25, national primary road, at a location where a 60kph speed limit applies.

Having regard to the proposed interaction with the N25, national primary road, TII recommends the Council has regard to the requirements of TII Publications and the provisions of the DoECLG Spatial Planning and National Roads Guidelines, in particular:

- It is noted that the Section 38 Scheme drawings detail the utilisation of a pedestrian crossing on the N25, national primary road. The N25, national primary road, is a strategic national road and carries significant volumes of traffic, including heavy commercial vehicles. It is critical that proposals are undertaken complementary to safeguarding the strategic function of this national road and importantly and that such proposals address safety for all road users, including vulnerable road users.

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- TII considers that the proposed works, impacting a national road, require a Design Report in accordance with TII Standard: 'Design Phase Procedure for Road Safety Improvement Schemes, Urban Renewal Schemes and Local Improvement Schemes' (TII, 2021, DN-GEO-03030 ), in advance of any decision to progress proposals. The Design Report will assist in identifying and resolving road safety concerns for vulnerable road users.

It is requested that the foregoing observations are taken into consideration in the assessment and determination of the proposed Section 38 Traffic Calming Scheme, in the interests of safeguarding road user safety and maintaining the strategic function of the national road network in the area.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

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Andrew Moore

Regulatory and Administration Executive