

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

Re: Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Active Travel Scheme
Shandon Road at Cois Abha & Colligan View – Pedestrian Crossing

The following proposed Active Travel scheme was advertised for public consultation from 20th September 2022 to 18th October 2022, inviting submissions before 01st November 2022.

- Construction of new junction layout and pedestrian crossing on Shandon Road (L3147) at the entrance to Cois Abha and Colligan View estates.
- 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 for vulnerable road users.

Submissions:

Two submissions were received during the statutory consultation period.

Submission No. 1 – Catherine Kavanagh

Hi Ian,

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion on this development. I have lived in Cois Abha for 19 years, and, it has always been difficult to cross this road safely due to the excessive speed of traffic from both directions. As a dog owner and walker, its difficult to cross quickly, and as a person with mobility problems, it is also sometimes very dangerous crossing this road.

I would like to see the installation of speed ramps from the halting site to Fraher Field as, even if the speed limits are reduced, these are NOT currently observed here, and are not likely to be observed in the future either. In my opinion, this is the best way to make this crossing safe when the new crossing is installed.

Catherine Kavanagh

Response to Submission No. 1

The proposed pedestrian crossing will provide a safe crossing point at this location.

The comments in respect to limiting speed on the Shandon Road have been forwarded to the Roads Section.

Submission No. 2 – Michael Flynn

Dear Ian,

In relation to the above Active Travel Scheme, I have the follow comments;

- Would the council please consider the inclusion of an Advanced Stop Line (ASL) / bike box on either side of the proposed crossing.
- I note the remaining width of the L3147 might not permit segregated cycle lanes with the width of the proposed and existing footpaths. In that instance would the council consider making the L3147 a Mixed/Shared Street (as in 4.3.1of the National Cycle Manual).
- Would the council please consider making this a pedestrian priority crossing and not a controlled junction giving vehicles priority. Failing that any controlled crossing should immediately activate the lights on pushing the pedestrian button if this is a true active travel scheme.
- Would the council consider reducing the radii of the entrance to Cois Abha & Colligan View further as they are proposing at the entrance to the Park Hotel in the other Shandon Rd scheme.

Thank you.

Regards,

Michael Flynn

Response to Submission No. 2

This is a junction tightening scheme and the junction and pedestrian crossing will be constructed in accordance with DMURS and the current guidance note on junction tightening from the NTA. The intention is to provide a junction similar to that recently constructed at Sallybrook in Abbesside into Cois Abha and Colligan View estates.

The scheme does not propose making the L3147 a Mixed/Shared Street. This can be considered at a later date.

Recommendation:

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

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

Fergus Galvin
Director of Services
Roads, Water and Environment
07th November 2022