

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

Re: Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Active Travel Scheme
Davitt's Quay and Devonshire Bridge, Dungarvan – Raised Pedestrian
Crossings and Shared Space

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 raised pedestrian crossings, footpath widening, and adjustment to existing bus stop, on Davitt's Quay, T.F.Meagher Street and at the junction of Davitt's Quay and Devonshire Bridge in Dungarvan town.
- 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 – Chris Santillo

I'm very much in favor of improving the walking and bike access by the Devonshire Bridge. My family of five bikes through that intersection almost daily all year round, and any improvement to its ease and safety will be greatly appreciated.

I wonder if the left circle-bypass lane coming from the quay could be further to the left (shifting the landscaping to be between the lanes), creating a larger space between the lane for pedestrian crossings.

More than anything, I would like to see a bike lane over the river. I know it has been suggested that bikes should take the pedestrian/bike bridge behind the council building, but this is simply impractical—it is too far out of the way and is not significantly safer than simply going over the Devonshire bridge and straight on to the square. Perhaps a cantilevered bike lane could be added to the bridge (there is a very aesthetically pleasing example of this in Macroom (though they chose a poor railing, the bridge looks well)).

Alternately, I wonder if it would be possible to take a bike lane under the existing bridge, traveling from Walton Park and ending near the existing e-car chargers (as shown in the attached map/image).

Thank you for your consideration and continued great work.

With gratitude,

Chris Santillo

Response to Submission No. 1

Many of the comments in this submission in respect to a cycle crossing over Devonshire Bridge are not related to this project. However, this is an issue that has been given some consideration in the past and a parallel project investigating how the Greenway can be better connected to the western side of the Colligan River is at concept stage.

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 all the proposed crossings.
- Would the council please install Sheffield Stand type bicycle stands and cargo / trike / mobility bike parking spots in the immediate vicinity of this scheme.
- Would the council please consider relocating the proposed E-Car parking spaces to the red parking spaces. In the proposed position the necessary charging pillar will further reduce the available width of footpath for pedestrians.
- Please include the provision of e-bike charging in the vicinity of this scheme as it is an objective of the Council's Development Plan (Trans 64).
- The council has the cycle changing facility in the side of the courthouse/former smarter travel offices, if this facility is this in use would you consider opening it up for wider public use. This is an objective of the Council's Development Plan (Trans 13).

· Would the council please consider making all roads in the town centre and especially in the vicinity of this proposed scheme Mixed/Shared Streets (as in 4.3.1 of the National Cycle Manual).

Thank you.

Regards,

Michael Flynn

Response to Submission No. 2

All crossing points will be constructed in accordance with DMURS and road marking completed in accordance with the Traffic Signs Manual and other national guidance documents.

It is proposed that the crossing points will be raised crossing points. The detail design will consider the exact nature of the crossing points (controlled or uncontrolled) and other design and public realm considerations such as landscaping, cycle parking, lighting etc.

This scheme does not include the provision of cycle lanes along T.F. Meagher Street.

This scheme does not include any upgrade to the existing cycle changing facility in the side of the courthouse/former smarter travel offices. This suggestion has merit though and may be considered under another scheme.

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
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