

**DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR CATHRACH PHORT LÁIRGE
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF
WATERFORD**

Re: Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Active Travel Scheme
Knockanduff Road, Tramore – Signalised Pedestrian Crossing

The following proposed Active Travel scheme was advertised for public consultation from 1st February 2022 to 28th February 2022, inviting submissions before 14th March 2022.

- Waterford City & County Council proposes to undertake the construction of a new signalised pedestrian crossing with push button control on the Knockanduff Road in Tramore and new permeability measure between Parklands/Rocksprings and Ballycarnane drive/Glenside.
- Permeability is to be provided through the existing Ballycarnane boundary wall by creating a pedestrian width opening and new 1.8m wide footpath connecting the new entrance and existing footpath
- This scheme is funded by the NTA Active Travel programme. This work is part of the Active Travel programme. The objective is to improve walking and cycling routes, improve connections with existing footpaths and create safer crossing points for pedestrians.

Submissions:

Ten submissions were received during the statutory consultation period.

Submission No. 1 – Críostóir Ó Faoláin

This submission welcomes the proposal.

Submission No. 2 – Deirdre Murray

This submission objects to the proposal citing the following main issues:
Risk of children accessing the road from the green through the proposed access point.

Increased Anti-Social behaviour.

Increased dog barking from additional pedestrian traffic.

The submission would prefer investment elsewhere.

The submission acknowledges the benefits to school children from the area going to Holy Cross school.

Response to Submission No. 2

Currently, the boundary along the road is already used as informal access to same. The proposal will formalise this access with the aim of improving safety for all users.

Case studies have shown that formalised schemes such as this introduce a level of passive surveillance which helps reduce Anti-Social behaviour. The scheme does not aim to bring additional users to the area, it is to benefit local residents and reduce the need for using the car for short journeys in the area.

Submission No. 3 – Christine Guidera

This submission objects to the proposal citing the following main issues:
Risk of children accessing the road from the green through the proposed access point.

Other possible effects on residents.

Response to Submission No. 3

Similar to our response to submission no. 2, the boundary along the road is used as informal access to same. The proposal will formalise this access with the aim of improving safety for all users.

Submission No. 4 – Derek O Connor

This submission welcomes the proposal, highlighting the enhanced connectivity and improved safety for pedestrians crossing the road.

Submission No. 5 – Cllr Cristíona Kiely

This submission welcomes the proposal.

Submission No. 6 – Mick and Nicola Bourke

This submission objects to the proposal citing the following main issues:
Increase of footfall/noise level will result in lack of privacy and quality of life for residents.

Increase in Anti-Social behaviour.
Negative impact on value of property.
Risk of children accessing the road from the green through the proposed access point.
Proposal would potentially damage or reduce existing planting/shrubbery.
No benefit for residents or general public.

Response to Submission No. 6

We do not anticipate any substantial increase in noise levels from the scheme and also believe the proposal will enhance the quality of life for residents by creating greater connectivity in the area.

Case studies have shown that formalised schemes such as this introduce passive surveillance and reduce any existing Anti-Social behaviour.

We do not believe that property value will decrease because of the scheme.

Currently, the boundary along the road is used as informal access to same.

The proposal will formalise this access with the aim of improving safety for all users.

We are happy to address any concerns in relation to existing planting and aim to replace any damaged/removed planting with appropriate species.

We believe that there are benefits to residents and the general public with the implementation of this scheme, including public health and encouraging social interaction in the local community.

These types of schemes are important part of a local climate action initiatives.

Submission No. 7 – Brian & Wendy Allen

This submission welcomes the proposal but is in favour of a Cul de Sac being created for Ballycarnane Drive.

Submission No. 8 – Jemma Jacob

This submission welcomes the proposal.

Submission No. 9 – Branko Erak

This detailed submission suggests that the scheme is premature and makes the following points:

No existing connectivity between estates and this should be addressed prior to this scheme.

If other potential active travel schemes fail within the area, then there is a risk that this scheme would not be fit for purpose, and not comply with DMURS/NTA Permeability best practice.

Lack of cycling measures within the scheme/ existing substandard facilities along the main regional road R675.

No proposed measures to enhance the area within or adjacent to proposed scheme.

Position of proposed pedestrian crossing may pose a safety risk due to existing 80kph speed limit.

Lack of existing/proposed public lighting in the scheme.

Proposed tactile paving not in accordance with appropriate standards.

Position of existing dropped kerb may encourage users to cross at unsafe location.

The submission also requests that report be furnished detailing more information on:

Overall Active Travel works in the area,

Current level of active travel and target levels of active travel for the area

Current pedestrian/cyclist patterns in the area

Assessment of the existing pedestrian facilities. Are they fit to accommodate anticipated increase in walking or cycling?

Options considered,

Engagement with residents, etc

There is also a request for an RSA report to be provided for the scheme.

Response to Submission No. 9

Each permeability scheme is a standalone local scheme with the primary objective to connect neighbourhoods with each other and local services.

The scheme does not aim to bring additional users to the area, it is to benefit local residents and reduce the need for using the car for short journeys in the area.

This scheme is providing pedestrian crossing at the existing desire line. Currently, the boundary along the road is used as informal access to the same. The proposal will formalise this access and formalise the road crossing point with the aim of improving safety for all users.

The proposed pedestrian crossing is in a 50km/h zone. Sightlines and visibility of the proposed crossing from both approaches are satisfactory.

New public lighting will be installed as per lighting standards.

The existing dropped kerbs will be removed to encourage users to cross at the controlled crossing.

This is not a strategic development as a main transport route this is a local pedestrian scheme.

The engagement with residents is through this statutory Section 38 process and we had a strong engagement via the submissions.

All technical design issues will be dealt with in the final design.

Submission No. 10 – Susan Gallagher

This submission welcomes the proposal but requests that adequate lighting is included in the design.

Response to Submission No. 10

Lighting requirements will be reviewed as a part of the design and funding is available for new lighting.

Recommendation:

It is now proposed that the scheme proceed to final design, procurement and construction as per the advertised Section 38 layout.

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


Fergus Galvin
Director of Services
Roads, Water and Environment
15th March 2022

Appendix 1 Submissions

Submission No. 1 – Críostóir Ó Faoláin

Knockanduff Road, Tramore – Signalised Pedestrian Crossing



Críostóir Ófaolain <Críostoir.Ofaolain@greenparty.ie>
To  Ian Ludlow

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Thu 03/02/2022 21:43

A chara,

I would like to support the proposed pedestrian crossing on the Knockanduff Road, and the associated permeability measures. The proposal will make it easier for people to get around their local area on foot or by bike safely and is to be commended.

Le dea-mhéin
Críostóir

Críostóir Ó Faoláin
Ionadaí Áitiúil an Chomhaontais Ghlais do Dhún Garbhán
Green Party Local Area Rep for Dungarvan

Objection - Active Travel Scheme - Knockenduff Road Tramore - Signalised Pedestrian Crossing



Deirdre Murray
To  Ian Ludlow

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Mon 07/03/2022 10:11

Dear sir,

I wish to make a formal objection to the proposed pedestrian crossing/footpath in Ballycarnane Woods housing estate.

Children use the green area as a play space. Children would no longer be able to play there safely if an open pedestrian access was put in. The open access would be an easy route for smaller/younger children to wander onto a busy road. Football is played there regularly, by opening up this area football(s) could go onto the busy road, posing great danger to car traffic.

There has been some anti social activity in this green area at night time. By opening up this area even further, it could potential cause further disruption to the residents.

While I appreciate the need to encourage more walkways. I believe this initiative serves little purpose - the only benefit is for Holycross children to travel from the Knockenduff area to Holycross school (current plans show this route is longer).

There is a constant flow of cars going through the estate, particularly at the main green area and at the main entrance of the estate, therefore making it difficult for walkers to cross the road safely. We also have many dogs who tend to bark when local residents pass their premises, if there was further walker traffic it will become a nuisance for the residents of Ballycarnane Woods.

I would much prefer to see cycling paths and wider footpaths from Monvoy roundabout to Holycross school and beyond. Many people would benefit from this initiative.

I would appreciate a response to my email and to be kept up to date on said proposal. I and the local residents would also welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposal in person with a member of the council.

Kind regards,

Deirdre Murray
Ballycarnane Woods Resident


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Submission No. 3 – Christine Guidera



Proposed walk way through Glenside Ballycarnane Woods Tramore



christine guidera

To  Ian Ludlow

 You replied to this message on 07/03/2022 14:45.

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Mon 07/03/2022 13:12

Christine Guidera
17 Glenside
Ballycarnane Woods
Tramore
Co Waterford

Dear Mr Ludlow,

I've recently become aware that there is a proposed plan to put a walk way from knockenduff Road through to Glenside Ballycarnane Woods.

I wish to lodge my objection to this plan. On the map you'll see my house number 48, so this would directly effect my family. I bought my house in 2005 and one of the main reasons we chose here was due to the fact it was a quiet cul de sac.

I still have a young child of six and I would be very concerned for her safety with an opening near where she plays with her friends to a main road. I'm also very concerned about other possible effects for us residents if this plan were to go ahead.

I hope you understand my objection to this plan and if you could please update me as to the outcome of any further plans.

Kind regards
Christine Guidera


Sent from my Galaxy


Submission No. 4 – Derek O Connor

Knochanduff Road Pedestrian Crossing 08.03.2022



Derek O'Connor <...>

To  Ian Ludlow

 You replied to this message on 08/03/2022 17:14.

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Tue 08/03/2022 16:46

To whom it may concern,

In relation to WC&CC proposal I'm in complete favour of this project.
Having access between estates to enable safe connectivity between children from different estates is to be welcomed.
From a Health&Safety point of view it's great to have a pedestrian crossing and connectivity between both estates.
This is a much safer option rather than children jumping over walls/fences to gain access to their friends between estates.

Regards,

Derek.

Sent from my iPad

Submission No. 5 – Cllr Cristiona Kiely

Knockanduff Road, Tramore – Signalised Pedestrian Crossing



Councillor Cristiona Kiely

To: Ian Ludlow

You forwarded this message on 10/03/2022 08:55.

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Wed 09/03/2022 19:40

Ian, a chara,

I am writing to you in relation to the Knockanduff Road, Tramore – Signalised Pedestrian Crossing.

I am in full support of this permeability measure which will improve walking routes and connections to existing footpaths and the proposed segregated cycle lane on the ring road in Tramore.

Is mise, le meas,

Cllr Cristiona Kiely

Submission No. 6 – Mick and Nicola Bourke

From: [nicola Bourke](#)

Sent: Thursday 10 March 2022 11:20

To: iludlo@waterfordcouncil.ie

Subject: FW: Travel scheme- Knockenduff Road Tramore - Signalised Pedestrian Crossing

Mr Ian Ludlow
Staff Officer
Active Travel Team
Waterford City and County Council

With reference to the attached I briefly wish to report that I reside at 1 Ballycarnane Drive, Ballycarnane Woods, Tramore Co Waterford with my wife Nicola Bourke and 3 young children. We have lived at this address since 2007. We wish to make a number of submissions in relation to aforementioned proposal.

Firstly my wife and I are concerned in relation to this proposal as our house is situated adjacent to the green and directly adjacent to this proposed footpath. As residents and owners of a private property we believe that we are entitled to our privacy. This footpath will lead to an increased footfall of pedestrians walking **directly** outside our house at any hour and therefore affecting our own privacy and sanctuaries that we are entitled to have living in our own home. When we purchased our house we were aware obviously that the green area beside our house was designated as a park area for children in the area. This proposal intends to open this area to a wider public and I am concerned that it will effect and disturb our quality of life in terms of the noise level that it will bring directly outside our home. We have already been subjected to more noise pollution from the roadway when the ditch was removed.

I am concerned with regards to older youths having easy access to the green area during the late evenings and I have no doubt that the proposed accessibility will attract anti-social behaviour in the area. I have brought it to the attention of An Garda Siochane that since the ditch onto the road was removed that there has been more anti-social behaviour in the vicinity of the green area and our concern as a family is that this proposal would cause further problems in this regard.

Some of my neighbours and I have previously sent correspondence to Councillor Joe Kelly and Fergus Galvin of Waterford City Council outlining our concerns of the increased level of activity of anti social behaviour including graffiti, littering (broken alcohol bottles) and criminal damage to plants & shrubbery including photographic evidence.

This proposal may have a negative impact on the value of our property due to our concerns in relation to privacy and anti-social issues that we have highlighted.

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As stated our children use the green as a play area as do many other young children in the area. I would have concerns in relation to the risks of a child going onto the Knockenduff Road with the proposed opening. A wall has been recently constructed and although we believe it should have been raised higher it does serve as a barrier between the road and children playing on the green area.

Also my wife and I along with some of the residents on my street have invested time and finance into plants and shrubbery after the ditch was removed and the wall was built. As part of the ditch being removed the council indicated that they would plant trees and vegetation that would replace the ditch in the vicinity. This proposal is now reversing that promise and will in fact potentially damage or reduce the number of plantations already implemented by the council and by residents at their own personal expense.

I have discussed this at length with my wife our concerns and I cannot see the benefits of this proposal for us or the general public. We believe that it will disrupt our lives further at our address for the reasons as outlined above.

I would respectfully request that our concerns are addressed and that perhaps our concerns would be addressed in person at the site of the proposed development. We would be grateful if we would be kept apprised of any further developments with regard to this proposal.

We can be contacted by attached email or by mobile phone 087 9424248.

Kind regards
Mick and Nicola Bourke
Ballycarnane Drive
Ballycarnane Woods
Tramore

Submission No. 7 – Brian & Wendy Allen

From: Brian Allen <brian.allen@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Sent on: Friday, March 11, 2022 1:05:55 PM
To: Active Travel <ActiveTravel@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: Ballycarnane woods

To whom it concerns we are in favour of the opening and crossing proposed at ballycarnane woods.

Regards
Brian Allen
Wendy Allen





Submission No. 8 – Jemma Jacob

Submissions



Jemma Jacob
To ○ Active Travel

 You replied to this message on 11/03/2022 14:01.

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Fri 11/03/2022 13:36

Hi,

Our house 41 The Fairways would be in favour of opening the wall in maple court for access for the children going to and from school, this would reduce the number of vehicles leaving the estate each morning and make the route shorter for the children to walk, scoot, cycle to school .

Would also be in favour at opening an entrance onto knockenduff road with a crossing in place, safer for all the children.

Regards
Jemma

Jemma Jacob
Roads/ Road Safety Officer
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Submission No. 9 – Branko Erak

From: Branko Erak <berak@waterfordcouncil.ie> on behalf of Branko Erak
Sent on: Friday, March 11, 2022 3:49:02 PM
To: Ian Ludlow <ILudlow@waterfordcouncil.ie>
Subject: Active Travel Scheme : Knockanduff Road, Tramore - Submission/Oservations
Attachments: Knockanduff - Section 38 Submission_Observations.pdf (1.15 MB)

Hi Ian,

Please find attached file with my submission/observations in regards to proposed Active Travel Scheme at Knockanduff Road.

Do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Regards,
Branko

1. The main conclusion from presented information is that the proposed Section 38 is premature.

It's stated that proposed works are part of the Active Travel works in the area with the objective to improve walking routes. It's not clear how proposed works will improve walking routes without knowing origin of walking and destination of walking. If the main overall goal is to provide more direct/shortest walking route to the Holly Cross School from adjoining estates the proposed works will not provide that because there is no connectivity between adjoining estates. That means that this scheme is premature and that would be more beneficial if the other areas are addressed in advance of this scheme.

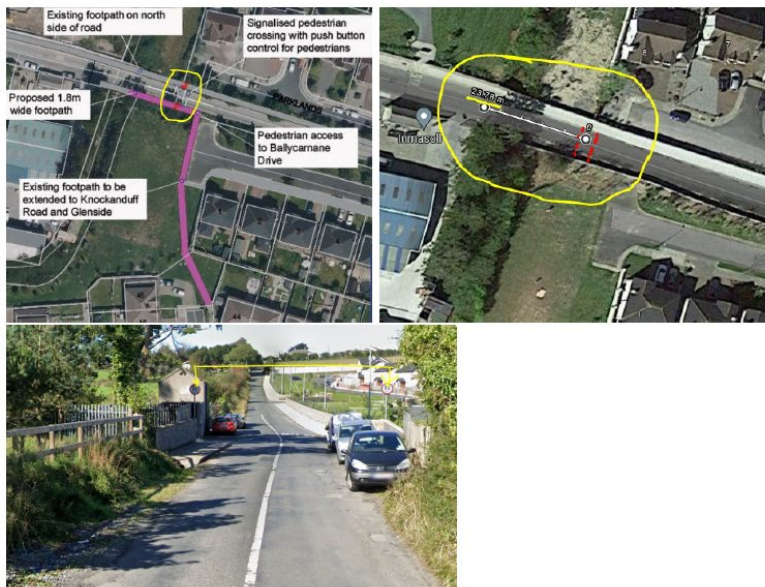
There is a risk if a plan to provide any other permeability/connectivity schemes in the area fail, the proposed scheme as standalone scheme will not be fit for purpose and will not comply with DMURS principles or NTA Permeability Best Practice Guide.

2. It would be beneficial that General Layout of the scheme is accompanied with the report presenting more information about
 - overall Active Travel works in the area,
 - current level of active travel and target levels of active travel for the area
 - current pedestrian/cyclist patterns in the area
 - Assessment of the existing pedestrian facilities. Are they fit to accommodate anticipated increase in walking or cycling?
 - options considered,
 - engagement with residents, etc
3. The scheme, as described, provides pedestrian connectivity only. Cyclist, especially school children who wish to cycle to school, still need to use the existing substandard facilities along the main regional load R675. A lack of an attractive cycle/pedestrian facilities will discourage children to choose walking or cycling to get to the school.
4. No proposed measures to enhance the area within or adjacent to proposed scheme.
5. The appropriate RSA report should be provided for the proposed works.

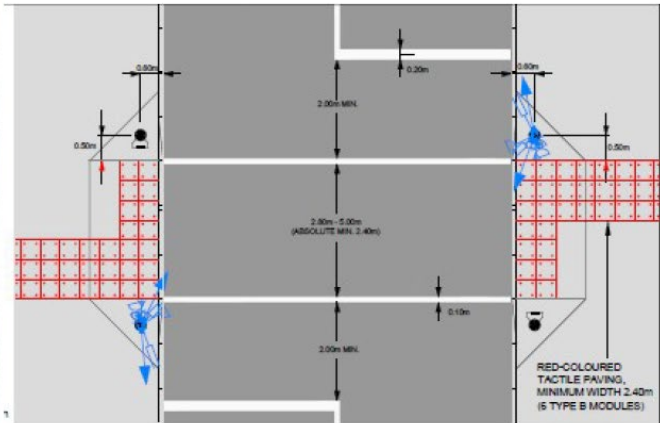
Some technical observations are as follows:

1. The proposed controlled crossing is located within 50kph but close to the existing 80kph speed limit, approximately 24m. There is a risk that vehicles approaching to the crossing from rural section (80kph) will still travel at higher speeds approaching the crossing. Drivers travelling towards Knockanduff can see 80kph well in advance and there is risk that they will start accelerating in advance of the crossing. This will result in unsafe environment for NMU's.

The existing vehicular speed in the vicinity of proposed crossing should be measured. To provide a safe speed environment at this location mitigation measures should be proposed if required.



- Public Lighting – There is lack of public lighting in the vicinity of proposed crossing. It's not clear from Section 38 drawing if there is any mitigation measures proposed to address public lighting issue.
- Proposed tactile paving layout at the crossing is not in accordance with the appropriate standards.



- The existing dropped kerb and uncontrolled crossing at Knockanduff estate. There is a risk that pedestrians will use more direct/desire route and are likely to cross at an unsafe location.



Submission No. 10 – Susan Gallagher

Submission on Knockanduff Rd Active Travel Scheme



Susan Gallagher <SGALLAGHER@wit.ie>

To  Ian Ludlow


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Mon 14/03/2022 12:27

 You replied to this message on 14/03/2022 16:31.

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Dear Ian,

I would like to express my support for the Active Travel Scheme at Knockanduff Road in Tramore. Improving permeability through estates will make walking a more attractive travel option, since pedestrians are diverted away from heavily trafficked areas and onto safer estate roads. The presence of a footpath should also improve the green area, since the presence of pedestrians can have a very positive effect in a public area.

However, I urge Waterford City and County Council to ensure that the footpath is well lit and that passive surveillance is maximised in the design. If this scheme is well designed and constructed, I believe it will enhance the area.

Kind regards,
Susan

Susan Gallagher BA BAI, MSc, CEng MIEI

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Department of Architecture and the Built Environment
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Appendix 2 NP Ad S38 Knockanduff Road

Re: Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 – Traffic Calming Scheme

Active Travel Scheme Knockanduff Road, Tramore – Signalised Pedestrian Crossing

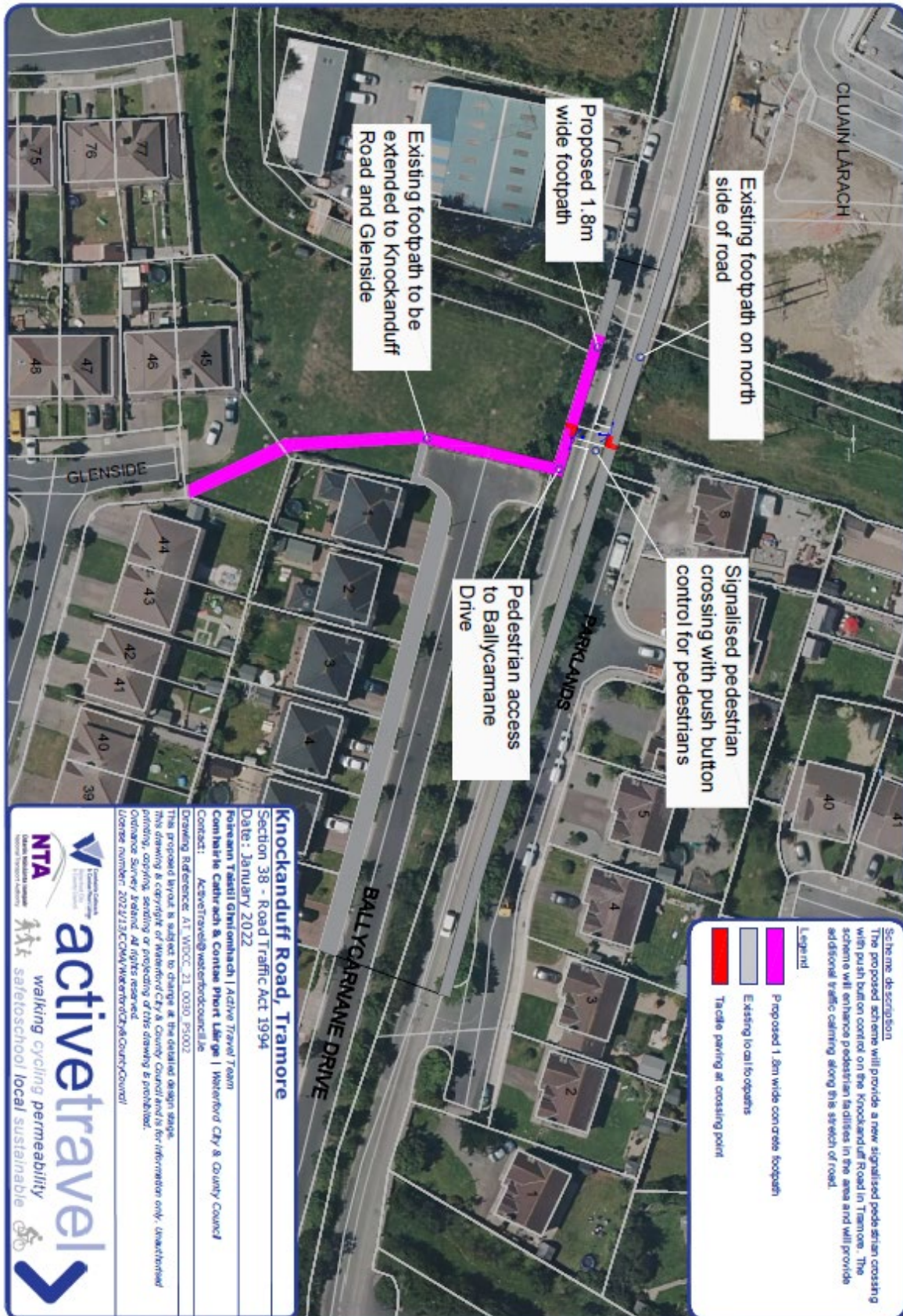
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Permeability is to be provided through the existing Ballycarnane boundary wall by creating a pedestrian width opening and new 1.8m wide footpath connecting the new entrance and existing footpath. As part of the Active Travel works in the area, the objective is to improve walking routes, improve connections to existing footpaths and create safer crossing points as set out on the attached drawing.

The drawing is available for inspection on Waterford City and County Council's website www.waterfordcouncil.ie and is also on display in our Customer Services Departments in Bailey's New Street in the City and Davitts Quay, Dungarvan from **Tuesday 1st February 2022 to Monday 28th February, 2022.**

The Council will consider any submissions or observations made in writing regarding the proposal. Submissions should be lodged with Ian Ludlow, Staff Officer, Active Travel Team, Waterford City & County Council, Menapia Building, The Mall, Waterford or by email to iludlow@waterfordcouncil.ie to be received by **Monday 14th March 2022.**

Fergus Galvin
Director of Services
Roads, Water and Environment
1st February 2022.



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