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TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE DUNGARVAN LISMORE DISTRICT OF WATERFORD

Re: Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 - Traffic Calming Scheme
Traffic Calming along the L4033, Upper Brown Street, Portlaw

The following proposed scheme was advertised for public consultation from **Wednesday 20th May to Tuesday 16th June 2020** inviting submissions before 30th June, 2020.

- Waterford City and County Council proposes to undertake the construction of a traffic calming scheme in the form of a controlled traffic lights and a raised table area to facilitate a safe crossing point along the L4033, Upper Brown Street, Portlaw and also control vehicular movements during peak times, see drawing attached.
- The main goal is to lead pedestrians to a designated controlled crossing point where crossing of Upper Brown Street is used regularly and in particular more frequently during school opening and closing hours. Construction of a raised table area will reduce speed of vehicular traffic.

2 No. Submissions were received and are detailed below:

Submission No. 1 – Joan O’Neill

Ms. Joan O’Neill states that the proposed ramp to be located near houses 3, 3A and 3B will seriously hamper the ability for residents in these houses to park their cars. Furthermore she states that the residents in Cul Rua that have children crossing the road generally accompany them to make the crossing if necessary. The opening from Cul Rua is further down and there is no guarantee that pedestrians will still not cross directly from the Cul Rua entrance.

She also states that there is a crossing already 60 meters away on Brown Street and could other measures be considered - for instance a speed ramp or traffic calming measures before the entrance or a footpath going around the corner down Queen Street where if necessary a crossing could be there that would serve not just for school times. Queen Street traffic would have a better view earlier of pedestrians, if crossing and could be used for Cul Rua Queen Street and also for the Chipper.

Response to Submission No. 1

This Traffic Calming Scheme will result in loss of one parking space where raised table is located. Parking will be retained along this side except for loss of one parking space. Previously concerns have been raised of children crossing roadway from Cul Rua school. The installation of new footpath on Cul Rua side to the proposed pedestrian crossing will guide and enable children and other road users to use a safe pathway and crossing at a controlled crossing. As noted there exists a pedestrian beacon crossing on the West side of Brown Street/Queens Street junction and as suggested a new crossing around the corner Queen Street will be approximately 55 metres further away from the proposed location at Upper Brown Street and will unlikely be utilised by pedestrians in Cul Rua Estate, parts of Upper Brown Street, Priest Road and lower Carrick Road.

Submission No. 2 – Willie O’Neill

Mr. Willie O’Neill queried if there will be kerbside parking available for the residents of Upper Brown Street outside their homes and if the area highlighted by him is ok for parking under the new scheme. In addition he also queried that there is currently a crossing circa 55 metres from the proposed new crossing and that it would be far better to put a new crossing on Queen Street with footpaths going around from Cul Rua entrance to the new crossing. This would allow pedestrians cross 2 roads safely and have the added bonus of creating a footpath down Queen Street towards the local Fish & Chip shop. He added that If the Council were to continue with the plan to put the crossing on Upper Brown Street that he would recommend consideration be given to moving the location by circa 5 meters further up the road thus preventing pedestrians looking directly into the sitting rooms of 2 houses.

Response to Submission No. 2

Parking will be retained as highlighted within submission along this side except for the loss of one parking space at the crossing point.

As noted there is an existing pedestrian beacon crossing on the West side of Brown Street/Queens Street junction and this submission suggests a new crossing along Upper Queen Street instead of Brown Street would link with a nearby pedestrian crossing around the corner of Queen Street. However this will be approximately 55 metres further away from the proposed location at Upper Brown Street and will be unlikely be utilised by pedestrians in Cul Rua Estate, parts of Upper Brown Street, Priest Road and lower Carrick Road. Traffic lights system and a raised table is jointly proposed for the following reasons, a traffic light system is proposed as there will be significant number of school children that will be coming from Cul Rua Estate crossing Brown Street (where traffic control system will be located) and heading for the school so it is for peak time traffic flows and to allow for safe crossing points for pedestrians, in particular at peak times. This signalised controlled pedestrian crossing is suitable for a wider variety of pedestrians and traffic flows. The traffic light system technology system can cater for large groups of pedestrians such as schoolchildren or slower moving pedestrians such as the elderly or people with mobility issues. The addition of a raised table will slow down the general traffic flows throughout the day along Brown Street. So it is beneficial to have both traffic control and ramp at this location to facilitate all types of road users. With referene to pedestrians walking along the roadway. From Cul Rua estate to the junction of Upper Queens Street/Brown Street, there

will be a newly constructed footpath for approximately 60 metres as part of this scheme. This will allow pedestrians to travel along a designated footpath to this junction, the Council will consider extending this by another 30 metres to the Fish & Shop on Upper Queen Street in future funded schemes.

With regards to relocating the crossing approximately 5 metres to West side towards Carrick Road, this has been considered however it would impede current private access points and cannot be accommodated.

Recommendation

Your approval to proceed is recommended as proposed.

Fergus Galvin
Director of Services
Roads, Water and Environment
15th July, 2020