

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

Re: Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 - Traffic Calming Scheme
Junction improvement at Crottys Corner, Abbeyside, Dungarvan

The following proposed scheme was advertised for public consultation from 6th May, 2020 to 2nd June, 2020 inviting submissions before 16th June, 2020.

- Waterford City & County Council proposes to undertake the construction of a junction improvement and traffic calming scheme at Crottys Corner, Dungarvan. The proposed location is situated at the junction of the R-675 Clonea Road, Sexton Street, Sarsfield Street, and Coologh Road.
- This will be achieved by constructing a raised junction platform and shared surface along with 4 No. zebra crossings with belisha beacons at each of the roundabout approach roads.
- The scheme also includes improved road signage and road markings.
- The main goal is to achieve speed reduction through the roundabout as well as providing a safe environment for pedestrians and cyclists. The implementation of this scheme will create a safer environment for all road users.

6 No. Submissions were received and are detailed below:

Submission No. 1 – Ms. Niamh O’ Mahoney

Ms. Niamh O’ Mahoney submission enquired if the belisha beacon is fixed glow or a flashing beacon.

Response to Submission No. 1

The requirement for a belisha beacon is a flashing light. The belisha beacon can include a ‘hood’ on the belisha beacon in order to confine the flashing light. The flashing light will be facing the on-coming vehicle.

Submission No.2

Mr. Pat Flynn queried proposals for residents parking and referred to 4 or the possibility of 5 No. businesses at this location requiring parking.

Response to Submission No. 2

This is a Traffic Calming Scheme which will result in no loss of parking. There are no plans for any residential parking schemes in Dungarvan Town. Additional patrolling will be undertaken by Traffic Wardens ensuring vehicles are parked legally.

Submission No. 3

Mr. Dave Blair submission included vehicles parking on footpaths and requested bollards and further double yellow lines and the feasibility of a one-way system.

Response to Submission No. 3

This is a Traffic Calming Scheme which is resulting in no loss of parking. There are bollards included at two no. locations. Additional patrolling will be undertaken by Traffic Wardens ensuring vehicles are parked legally. This is a traffic calming scheme and the feasibility of a one-way system would involve a separate consultation process.

Submission No. 4

Ms. Denise Keane - O' Mahoney submission included the loss of roadside parking and the necessity for 4 No. pedestrian crossing points.

Response to Submission No. 4

This is a Traffic Calming Scheme which is resulting in no loss of parking. Additional patrolling will be undertaken by Traffic Wardens ensuring vehicles are parked legally. The four pedestrian crossing points are to ensure pedestrians can cross at all sides of the junction in a safe manner. Pedestrian safety will be prioritised over traffic.

Submission No. 5

Ms. Norma Crotty, proprietor's Crotty's Bar submission stated that bollards would obstruct delivery trucks and flashing belisha beacons would be detrimental to health and well being.

Response to Submission No. 5

The bollards are located on the junction. Delivery vehicles should not park on the corner of a junction as this is a traffic hazard and is unacceptable. It is inappropriate to park within 5m of a stop/yield line. There is parking available within walking distance of the premises. The belisha beacon can include a 'hood' on belisha beacon in order to confine flashing light. The flashing light will be facing the oncoming vehicles and the heights of the belisha beacon can be reduced.

Submission No. 6

Tony & Siobhan O'Mahony raised a number of concerns/issues, summarised and set out as follows:-

(a) Geographical location - no need or demand from a traffic / pedestrian perspective for the pedestrian crossings in this location on Sexton Street, Coolagh Road, Sarsfield Street with Clonea Road being the only exception.

Response: The location was raised initially at the District meetings as a location where traffic calming measures were required for the safety of all road users. While each of the four crossing points have different demands, for safety reasons road users and in particular pedestrians and young cyclists will require a pedestrian crossing point located at each corner of the Junction to cross safely. The Pedestrian and cyclists movements are not only for persons locally but also consider tourists who visit Dungarvan throughout the year. This scheme provides safety to all users in particular those not familiar with this location.

(b) Pre Existing infrastructure- the area is already littered with crossings.

Response: The pedestrian crossings are dealing with this location. The pedestrians crossings will improve safety for all users at each of the four approach legs of this junction

(c) Light pollution: position of the beacons is a concern to their residential property and clarity sought on type of beacons to be used..

Response: The requirement for belisha beacon is a flashing light. The belisha beacon can include a 'hood' on belisha beacon in order to confine flashing light. The flashing light will be facing the on-coming vehicle.

(d) Noise disturbances: raised platform at each crossing may cause excess noise of cars and busses.

Response: The raised surface is a macadam surface, similar to the existing road surface. The raised element is to reduce speed at this location.

(e) Driveway: concerns raised regarding the angle of the crossing on Sexton street and safety issues reversing from the house driveway. Also, mandatory prohibition on parking within certain distances of pedestrian crossing in a residential area and impact on parking.

Response: The raised table and pedestrian crossing is on the upper side of the entrance, near the existing yield line. The Council is not changing the area accessing the driveway. The raised table will slow vehicles down. The requirement is no vehicle to park within 5m of the pedestrian crossings.

(f) Parking issues - residents only parking signage on Sarsfield street and competing demands from tourists and customers of local businesses in the area all add to the pressure on the availability of parking.

Response: This is a Traffic Calming Scheme which is resulting in no loss of parking. There are no plans for any residential parking schemes in Dungarvan Town. Additional patrolling will be undertaken by Traffic Wardens ensuring vehicles are parked legally.

Your approval to proceed is recommended subject to the revision detailed above.

Fergus Galvin
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