

DO: GACH BALL DE CHEANTAR BARDASACH DHÚN GARBHÁN/LEASA MHÓIR
TO: EACH MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF DUNGARVAN/LISMORE

Re: Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 - Traffic Calming Scheme
Aglish – Construction of a Raised Table

Proposal

Waterford City & County Council proposes to undertake the construction of a speed reduction table at the junction of L2013, Aglish Village Road and L2014 Presbytery Road, as part of the Aglish Town Village Project. The objective is to reduce speed at this junction and the speed reduction table will help achieve this objective. A copy of the drawing is attached to this report for your information.

Public Consultation

The proposal was advertised for public consultation in the Dungarvan Leader on 18th May with submissions accepted up to Monday 28th June, 2021. The proposal drawing was also published on the website and sent to An Garda Síochána.

Submissions

Only one submission was received and a summary of the main points raised are set out below:-

Submission from Aidan Hallahan

- While I don't see a need at the proposed location, I would suggest that it is put below the entrance to the Cul rua estate as I see a difficulty when egressing from the estate due to the height and location of the wall.
- I also think it would be a good idea to have one before the bridge at the old garage side as I see traffic coming from the shop end travelling at a greater pace.
- I would also suggest that the council takes a look at on street parking during the day from the bridge to the council building as most days it is restricted to one lane and recently cars are parking on both sides near the bridge to avail of the hairdresser working from the building opposite the Deise Bru pub.
- There is cars parking on the footpaths restricting access and forcing people/ children onto the road, I suggest that yellow lines should be placed for road safety from before the bridge to the old graveyard on both sides of the road . It is also causing an issue when cars come from the church road as they cannot complete the right turn without crossing into oncoming traffic because they have to use the right hand lane or wrong side of the road.

Response

The submission suggests that the proposed raised table is not required and refers to issues with other areas throughout the village. Roads will review the details on other areas throughout the village to investigate any further improvements going forward. The submission makes some relevant points some of which may be addressed under future Active Travel projects.

However, regarding this section 38 for Aglish, we are of the view that the raised table is required at the location for the following reasons;

- The junction has 3 local road meeting at one point where pedestrians/cyclists movements from housing estates, school, community hall, amenities, shops and sports activities are ongoing for all age groups throughout the year.
- The raised table will reduce speed of vehicles and allow pedestrians, cyclists and all road users to travel and move in a safer environment.
- The raised table will alert drivers of the crossing point and allow users to cross at a safer location.
- The raised table will encourage walking and cycling throughout the village as it will be a safer environment.

In addition to the points outlined above the Economic Development Department undertook workshops with various community groups commencing in September 2019. The workshop was developed to give people the opportunity to discuss, engage and share their thoughts and aspirations on the future vision for Aglish. A follow on meeting reviewed the list of priorities and collectively assessed and prioritised projects for implementation which included the proposed raised table at this location.

Recommendation

The proposal as advertised is recommended for your approval.

Fergus Galvin
Director of Services
Roads, Water and Environment
12th July, 2021.