

**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 – Active Travel Scheme
Sallybrook, Clonea Road – Junction Realignment

The following proposed Active Travel scheme was advertised for public consultation from 21st December 2021 to 17th January 2022, inviting submissions before 1st February 2022.

- Waterford City & County Council proposes to undertake the construction of new junction layouts on Clonea Road (R675) at both entrances to Sallybrook estate.
- The scheme proposes improved pedestrian crossing points and junction tightening, as well as associated changes to the footpaths, kerbing, and drainage.
- A small portion of a wall on the south side of the Clonea Road will be removed to allow better access for cyclists heading west on to the Greenway.
- 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:

Four submissions were received during the statutory consultation period.

Submission No. 1 – John & Lynda Leonard

This submission welcomes the proposals however also requests that consideration be given to the position of the raised pedestrian crossing ramp. It references the existing pedestrian crossing location, potential sightlines issues and potential risk of vehicles waiting on the ramp. The submission requests that the final location of the ramp be moved to circ. 6m behind the stop line. Concern regarding the proposed junction radius in respect of access to Sallybrook for larger vehicles such as bin lorries etc. was also raised.

Response to Submission No. 1

Upon review of this submission it is proposed to review the position of the raised pedestrian ramp. The final design will be in accordance with the National Cycle Manual and DMURS.

Junction tightening will be implemented in line *NTA Junction Tightening Guidance Note*.

Submission No. 2 – Eamon Lonergan

This submission welcomes the proposals however also makes three main observations:

- 1) in relation to the position of the raised pedestrian crossing ramp, citing a potential risk of vehicles rolling/reversing on the ramp. The submission suggests relocating the ramp to give a car length between it and the stop line.
- 2) in relation to cyclists who currently use the existing cycle lanes to travel in the wrong direction, most notably after school when returning to the village and town. The submission asks for consideration to be made for further traffic calming on the Clonea Road to encourage cyclists to cross safely at the roundabout and cycle in the correct direction on the cycle paths provided.
- 3) highlights two existing drainage issues;
 1. near the eastern entrance to Sallybrook and
 2. below the western entrance on the southern side of the road.

Both issues refer to water ponding on the edge of the carriageway after rainfall and that this should be addressed as part of any works in the area.

Response to Submission No. 2

As per Submission No. 1 it is proposed to amend the position of the raised pedestrian ramp to reduce any potential risk to all users of the junctions. Design will be in accordance with best practice guidance from the National Cycle Manual, and DMURS.

In terms of the concerns raised re cyclists using the existing cycle lanes in the wrong direction, the point is noted. Although this issue does not directly relate to the proposed junction works, consideration will be given to any methods to reduce risk for cyclists along this section of the Clonea Road, e.g. Improved line & symbol marking.

Investigation is required in relation to existing drainage issues, but it is hoped that any remedial works to improve the current issues may form part of this S38 scheme.

Submission No. 3 – Emmett Mullally

This submission relates to the existing pedestrian crossing from the Greenway to the Clonea Road. It highlights that drivers may not see Greenway users approaching the pedestrian crossing coming from the Greenway to cross the Clonea Road. It requests that consideration be given to remove a portion of the wall on the western side of this crossing point, to improve visibility for drivers. The submission notes the existing line markings and junction markings at the exit.

Response to Submission No. 3

The proposed design includes the removal of a short section of wall at the eastern side of the junction to improve access to the Greenway from the road travelling west. It is not proposed to alter the existing low wall on the west side of the pedestrian crossing as referenced in this submission. However, as part of the works all line marking will be reviewed and refreshed in the area.

Submission No. 4 – Tournore Park Residents Group

This submission is in support of the proposal.

Recommendation:

It is now proposed that the scheme proceed to procurement and construction. The final design will reflect a number of the observations made.

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

Fergus Galvin
Director of Services
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