

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

**Re: Proposal to rename “Cork Road” to Bóthar na hOllscoile/ “University Road”
(SECTION 48 ENVIRONMENT (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) ACT 2011)**

Proposal

As agreed at the Metropolitan District Council meeting on 20th May, 2022 the following proposal was advertised for public consultation.

“That this Council agrees to change the name of part of the Cork Road from the junction with College Street as far as the junction with Paddy Browne’s Road to University Road.”. Reg. No. 63 (dated, 29th April, 2022).

The area proposed is the R680 Cork Road from its junction with the L5517 College Street to its junction with the L1515 Paddy Browne’s Road, as set out on the attached drawing.

Public Consultation

The proposal was advertised in the Munster Express, News & Star and Waterford Today newspapers and on the website from 29th June, seeking submissions up to 29th August, 2022.

The following submissions were received: -

Names	Submission details
John Douglas Pat Douglas Mary Byrne Noel Butler Jessie Butler Martin Butler Ray Butler	<p>We hereby lodge our Objections, totalling 7 individual objections, to the above proposed name change.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We were born and reared in the Cork Road. It is a huge sense of pride to us that we are from” The Cork Road “. The Cork Road is one of the most successful ever Housing Estates created by Waterford City & County Council. It is a great credit to them. They created a place where everybody growing up there loved the area, the people, the joy, the happiness of all age groups throughout all of the years. People “ light up” with pride when they say they are from “The Cork Road”, it’s like a badge of honour to us all to say we are from the Cork Road, we are so proud of the fact. We are friends for life with the common thread of “ we are from the Cork Road “ pride, no matter where we now are in all corners of the World. And We look back at the pride and joy of our deceased Parents of having been given a house on the Cork Road by Waterford City Council. This is “OUR area”, the whole area is our area, including the main Cork Road across which were “ The Bogs and the 21 Pools “ and the” front field “ where we spent many many happy Summers and years playing. We do not want the name changed on that part of the Cork Road.... That is “ Our Area”, our memories, our

	<p>happiness, our tradition, feelings. It abounds with happy memories for us all and is synonymous with all us from the Cork Road.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We would not object to re-naming the portion from Waterford Crystal former Offices out to junction with Paddy Brownes Road in front of S.E.T.U (WIT).But please do not change the name in “ our Area “ in front of Cork Road Houses. <p>Please read this aloud to the Councillors before they vote as we would like them to feel and share in our passion for “ Our Happy Area, The Cork Road “</p>
<p>Michael Connolly</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Waterford has been trying to achieve a full university since the 1930’s. This has been blocked by politics and the state in spite even of WIT being externally recognised as working at university level. As a result, the south east has suffered economically. • The South East Technological University (SETU) is in no way an upgrade and <u>not</u> a university. Nothing has been upgraded so how could it be. The reality is, there are not any new departments, the campus has not increased in size, it is just talked about. • Renaming the Cork Rd to University Road is marking the government yet again refusing to address a systematic problem Waterford and the South East faces. It is a typical slap down of Waterford’s ambition by politics and the state. Why should we be marking this? Street and road renaming is a celebration of some person or event. The proposed renaming is saying we accept what happened and are happy with the third-rate option we are again given. This is not something that should be marked with a renaming. • Waterford Council, both elected and unelected sections, need to stop bowing down to status quo maintaining government decisions not mark them with name changes. For the above reasons I strongly object to the proposed name change.
<p>Prof Veronica Campbell President SETU</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SETU welcomes the proposal of the Waterford Metropolitan District Council to rename a portion of Cork Road (R680) as Bóthar na hOllscoile/University Road as detailed on the Council’s website. • The ambitions for SETU – the first university in the region – that are held by regional citizens, enterprises, community groups, non-state and state agencies are well articulated in the regional RSES, the Waterford City Metropolitan Area Strategic Plan, and the recently published university as a catalyst of and, indeed, a necessity for the future transformation of the South East and for the City of Waterford. • The critical importance of the university to future plans for the city, county and region is acknowledged by the proposed name change. The name change will cement the role of the University in the city’s future and will be a positive contribution to positioning the South East as a true Learning Region with education and research at the heart of its culture, society and economy. I commend and thank the Waterford Metropolitan District council for this proposal.

Next Steps in Statutory Process

This Council must now consider the submissions received and may by resolution passed by not less than half of the members standing elected or coopted for the time being decide -

- (a) to hold a ballot of the qualified electors registered in the place to which the proposed new placename applies in respect of the proposed new placename or such alternative to the proposed new placename as it considers appropriate, or
- (b) not to proceed with the proposal to change the placename of the place concerned.

If the decision is to hold a ballot of the qualified electors, the ballot shall be in secret and conducted in accordance with regulations made by the Minister. A majority of the votes cast will secure the change of placename by declaration of the Cathaoirleach.

Your decision to proceed with (a) or (b) above is required.

**Fergus Galvin,
Director of Services,
Roads, Water & Environment.
17th October, 2022.**