

TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1994, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 46 OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REGULATION ACT 2009

Re: JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS TO JUNCTION OF PERY SQUARE (L-10377) AND MALLOW STREET (L-10376), LIMERICK CITY



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Pursuant to SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1994, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 46 OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REGULATION ACT 2009 this report is submitted to the members of Limerick City & County Council. In accordance with Section 38 of the above Act, it is proposed to proceed as indicated in Section 5 of this report.

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1.0 Foreword

This report has been prepared pursuant to provisions of Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act, 1994, as amended by Section 46 of the Public Transportation Regulation Act 2009, Limerick City and County Council hereby gives notice of its intention to carry out junction improvements to Junction of Pery Square (L-10377) and Mallow Street (L-10376), Limerick City

2.0 Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development

The scheme comprises of the introduction of a 30kmph speed limit in Limerick City Centre with the following road amendments at the Junction of Pery Square (L-10377) and Mallow Street (L-10376), Limerick City.

- Install new raised table at the Junction
- Tactile paving
- Junction tightening works

Refer to Figures 2.1 to 2.2 of this report.

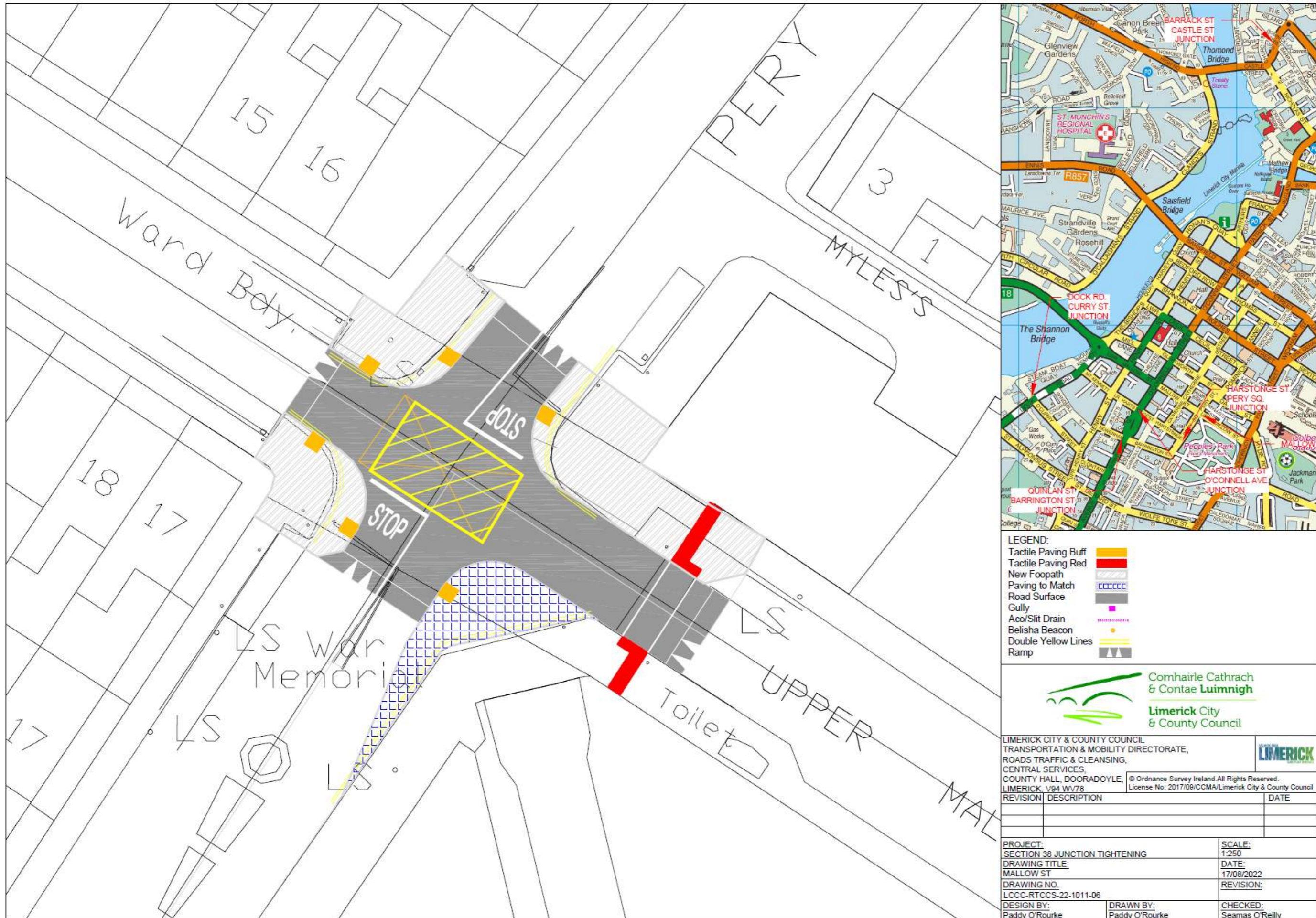
The plans and particulars went on public display from Thursday 6th October 2022 to Thursday 3rd November 2022. Submissions and observations had to be submitted by 5pm, on Thursday 3rd November 2022.

Location:



Figure 2.1: Site Location – Junction at the intersection of Mallow Street and Pery Square

Site Layout:



- LEGEND:**
- Tactile Paving Buff
 - Tactile Paving Red
 - New Footpath
 - Paving to Match Road Surface
 - Gully
 - Aco/Slit Drain
 - Belisha Beacon
 - Double Yellow Lines
 - Ramp



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REVISION	DESCRIPTION	DATE

PROJECT: SECTION 38 JUNCTION TIGHTENING	SCALE: 1:250
DRAWING TITLE: MALLOW ST	DATE: 17/08/2022
DRAWING NO.: LCCC-RTCCS-22-1011-06	REVISION:
DESIGN BY: Paddy O'Rourke	DRAWN BY: Paddy O'Rourke
	CHECKED: Seamas O'Reilly

Figure 2.2 Mallow Street / Pery Square Junction Improvement

3.0 Likely implications, if any, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area

This project does not have any likely implications, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. No significant road infrastructure amendments will be made as part of this scheme that could have any further planning implications in the area.

4.0 Submissions with respect to the proposed development

Submission Ref	Submitted by
1	Shane Hickey-O'Mara
2	Elisa O'Donovan
3	Thomas Bibby

4.1 Submissions:

SUB 1

Submission Summary:

Theme: Pedestrian crossing

Title: This junction requires a pedestrian crossing.

Documents Attached: No

Boundaries Captured on Map: No

Observations:

I am delighted at the proposed junction tightening works at Mallow Street/Pery Square. This area is an incredibly busy one for pedestrians going to and from the park, local schools, and Colbert Station and the lack of a pedestrian crossing on the Pery Square side of the People's Park makes it dangerous, especially given it is the location of St Michael's Primary School. I fully support the proposal that a zebra crossing or pelican crossing be placed on the war memorial side of the junction. The motion passed at the September 2022 Metropolitan Meeting has my full support.

I am [Redacted personal information based on Moderation Policy] and our drop off point when we are attending performances at The Belltable Theatre or People's Park is the Limerick City Gallery. I have found that this is a dangerous place to cross with children (aged 8-17). While we can cross at the pedestrian crossing near the main entrance to the People's Park we then have to navigate the dangerous junctions at Pery Street/Mallow Street and again at the Mallow Street/Catherine Street before we can safely cross to the Belltable. A pedestrian crossing would give a safe, direct route across the junction. In general Limerick City West needs more pedestrian crossings so as to be safer, especially for children. In my experience of bringing young relatives from Limerick School Project to the People's Park Playground and then home across the city, the dangers of crossing roads in Limerick City West, especially the Pery Square area, are very apparent, particularly with a buggy.

I ask that Limerick City Council installs a pedestrian crossing here with immediate effect.

Transport and Mobility comments:

1. A designated pedestrian zebra / pedestrian crossing point at the war memorial side of this junction will be considered if deemed feasible, within safety requirements, compatible within a road audit review and if budget is available. It is important to consider the addition of these additional junction tightening, traffic calming and improved pedestrian crossing measures at this location will make it easier and safer for pedestrians especially venerable road users to cross these junctions.
2. Further improvements in other City centre crossing point areas will be considered if required in future pending scheme feasibility and availability of future budgets. Please note LCCC Roads also have current plans to improve junctions at the following nearby locations to the People's Park including:
 - Quinlan Street & Barrington Street junction
 - Harstonge Street and O' Connell Avenue junction
 - Harstonge Street and O' Pery Square junction

SUB 2

Submission Summary :

Theme: Pedestrian Crossing

Title: Better pedestrian access required at this junction

Documents Attached: No

Boundaries Captured on Map: No

Observations:

I welcome the proposed junction tightening works at Pert square/ Mallow street. This is an incredibly busy junction for pedestrians walking to and from the city, station and park. There is no safe pedestrian crossing to cross from the Perry square side to the park. I am proposing that a zebra crossing or another pelican crossing be placed at the war memorial side of this junction. At September Metropolitan Meeting 2022 a motion was passed that more zebra crossings would be installed in this area for safe access for people going to and from the Park and young children accessing St Michael's school.

Transport and Mobility comments:

1. A designated pedestrian zebra / pedestrian crossing point at the war memorial side of this junction will be considered if deemed feasible, within safety requirements, compatible within a road audit review and if budget is available. It is important to consider the addition of these additional junction tightening, traffic calming and improved pedestrian crossing measures at this location will make it easier and safer for pedestrians especially venerable road users to cross this junction. Please note LCCC Roads also have current plans to improve junctions at the following nearby locations to the People's Park including:
 - Quinlan Street & Barrington Street junction
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 - Harstonge Street and O' Pery Square junctionThe upcoming introduction of a 30kmph zone to the city centre will make for a safer area for all pedestrians and road users accessing the nearby surrounds of this location.

SUB 3

Submission Summary

Theme: Junction Improvements

Title: Support for this scheme

Documents Attached: No

Boundaries Captured on Map: No

Observations:

There are lots of high profile active travel schemes out for consultation at the moment but this small scheme is brilliant. I used to run a software company with offices on the corner of Mallow St and Pery Square I saw

countless pedestrians struggle to cross this junction. The arm of the junction on the Pery Square side is particularly wide and I saw a lot of parents coming from the park struggle with a buggy to cross. Reducing the distance that people have to cross will make it safer and more comfortable, and the raised table will slow vehicles down.

Suggestion 1: Disabled parking space

Because of the junction buildout there will be more space for the disabled parking facility on the Pery Square side, at the side of the Wine Buff. Although it's outside the boundary of this scheme, perhaps the width of this parking space could be increased to improve accessibility of this facility. Also a dropped kerb or ramp between this parking space and the footpath could be provided on the Mallow St. end of this parking space as part of the works (which would be inside the boundary).

Suggestion 2: public realm improvements at the entrance to the park

My second suggestion is that as a result of this scheme there will be a significant expansion in the space available for pedestrians, in particular at the entrance to the People's Park. Perhaps some planting or places to sit could be achieved at this corner without adversely affecting sightlines for turning traffic.

Transport and Mobility comments:

1. It is envisaged that the Disabled parking spot outside the Wine Buff on Pery Square will remain in place. We hope to update this parking width accordingly if possible with the amendment of this junction, which will hopefully provide further space and protection for disabled road users when using this parking area when required.
2. The scheme unfortunately would not be able to cater for additional street trees or furniture as these may cause sightline and safety issues at this junction. This option may be considered at a later stage at other suitable nearby locations by the Public Realm team and Parks department if possible,

Operations & Maintenance Services (Roads), Limerick City & County Council

Transport and Mobility comments:

The addition of junction tightening, traffic calming and improved pedestrian crossing measures at the Mallow Street / Pery Square junction will make it easier and safer for pedestrians especially venerable road users to cross this junction.

A designated pedestrian zebra / pedestrian crossing point at the war memorial side of this junction will be considered if deemed feasible, within safety requirements, compatible within a road audit review and if budget is available.

Further improvements in other City centre crossing point areas will be considered if required in future pending scheme feasibility and availability of future budgets.

As part of upcoming plans to introduce a 30kmph zone to the city centre, LCCC Roads also have current plans to improve junctions at the following nearby locations to the People's Park including:

- Quinlan Street & Barrington Street junction
- Harstonge Street and O' Connell Avenue junction
- Harstonge Street and O' Pery Square junction

The upcoming introduction of a 30kmph zone to the city centre will make for a safer area for all pedestrians and road users accessing the nearby surrounds of this location.

5.0 Conclusion

The Limerick City and County Council road department currently intend to proceed with this scheme. All comments issued on submissions have been reviewed and scheme will proceed based on Transport and Mobility comments given above.

6.0 Action taken by Local Authority

1. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the plans and particulars lodged with the application, on the 6th October 2022. This project does not require planning as it does not meet the planning thresholds as laid out in the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001-2021.