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New Pedestrian Crossing on Rathkeale Industrial Estate Road

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Limerick City and County Council undertook a Section 38, pursuant to Section 38 (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46), to introduce a new pedestrian crossing on the Rathkeale Industrial Estate road.

1.2 Project Overview

The overall scheme aims to provide a new pedestrian crossing on the Rathkeale Industrial estate road. This pedestrian crossing is being constructed to provide a safe link for cyclists and pedestrians from the Limerick Greenway to a temporary Greenway car par, located in the LCETB site. These works will facilitate the construction of the proposed Limerick Greenway hub @ Rathkeale.



Figure 1.1 Proposed Temporary Carpark on the Rathkeale Industrial Estate Road

2 POLICY CONTEXT AND DESIGN

The proposal has been developed with consideration of the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2019), and the Traffic Signs Manual Chapter 7 – Road Markings

3 PROJECT DESCRIPTION AND PREFERRED

3.1 Project Description

The proposed pedestrian crossing was developed for the provision of pedestrian and cyclist link from a new temporary Greenway carpark to the Limerick Greenway on the Rathkeale Industrial Estate Road. The option developed was to take account of the requirement for a safe link for Greenway users to access the Limerick Greenway from the temporary carpark

- Improved pedestrian connectivity to the Limerick Greenway
- Reduction of the road width at the pedestrian crossing to promote traffic calming in the area.
- Improved lighting and visibility at the crossing location.
- Safer link to Rathkeale town centre and Rathkeale House Hotel for all Greenway users

4 SECTION 38

4.1 Introduction

The Drawings and particulars indicating the proposals were made available for inspection at the Limerick City & County Council offices in Merchant's Quay, Limerick, V94 EH90 and, at Limerick City & County Council Offices, Dooradoyle Road, Limerick V94WV78 and, at Limerick City & County Council Area Office Rathkeale, Áras Seán Finn, New Line, Rathkeale Co. Limerick V94 HK1V, and at <https://mypoint.limerick.ie> from Friday 16th of September to Friday the 14th of October 2022 inclusive.

The Section 38 was advertised in the local paper, see advertisement below;



Figure 4.1 Newspaper Advertisement

4.2 Submissions

The deadline for submissions and observations regarding the proposal, to be made in writing, to Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle Road, Dooradoyle, or online at www.mypoint.limerick.ie was set on or before 4pm on the 14th of October 2022.

4.3 Submission Received

At the closing time outlined, 1 submission was received via the My Point portal

Submission:

The screenshot shows a web interface for a submission. At the top, a breadcrumb trail reads: Home > Consultations > Section 38 - Proposed introduction of a pedestrian crossing on the Rathkeale industrial estate road > Submissions > Support for proposed scheme. The main heading is 'Support for proposed scheme'. Below this, there are three tabs: 'VIEW' (selected), 'EDIT', and 'REVISIONS'. The submission details are as follows:

- Author:** Thomas Bibby
- Observations:**
 - Pedestrian Crossings**
 - Title:** Support for this scheme
 - Text:** I'd like to welcome this scheme: a pedestrian crossing at this location will improve local access in Rathkeale to the Greenway and will also allow safer access from the greenway car park to the playground across the road.
 - Text:** However I think given the location, it would be better if the crossing was raised. Raised crossings force drivers to slow down and they reduce the risk for pedestrians.
- Information:**
 - Unique Reference Number:** LCC-C154-538RK-1
 - Status:** Approved
 - Date Created:** 04.10.2022 - 9:18pm
 - Date Submitted:** 04.10.2022 - 9:27pm
 - No. of documents attached:** 0
 - Boundaries Captured on Map:** No
 - Consultation:** Section 38 - Proposed introduction of a pedestrian crossing on the Rathkeale industrial estate road

At the bottom right, there are social media sharing icons for email, Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and a printer icon.

Tourism, Community and Culture Department Response:

Thank you for your submission in relation to the Section 38. This pedestrian crossing is being installed to serve the temporary Greenway car park which is to be located adjacent to the existing Greenway car park in Rathkeale. The existing car park and goods shed will be undergoing upgrade works in the coming months. The pedestrian crossing will not be ramped but will be designed in accordance with all current design and best practice guidelines and documents.

5 SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate an overview of the proposals, conformity to the policy documents that are in place, highlight the steps taken to determine the proposals and the public consultation process undertaken.

The overall scheme aims to provide a new pedestrian crossing on the Rathkeale Industrial estate road. This pedestrian crossing is being constructed to provide a safe link for cyclists and pedestrians from the Limerick Greenway to a temporary Greenway car park, located in the LCETB site. These works will facilitate the construction of the proposed Limerick Greenway hub @ Rathkeale.

The proposals prioritise the movement and safety of vulnerable road users in line with national, regional and local policies that place pedestrians and cyclists at the top of the movement hierarchy. The proposed arrangements also support policies to encourage more walking and cycling and to achieve a modal shift to more sustainable modes of transport.

The public consultation, Section 38, process returned 1 online submission. This submission was supportive of the scheme while making some observations in relation to certain elements that are already considered within the design.

It is now proposed that the scheme should proceed as advertised under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 (as amended).