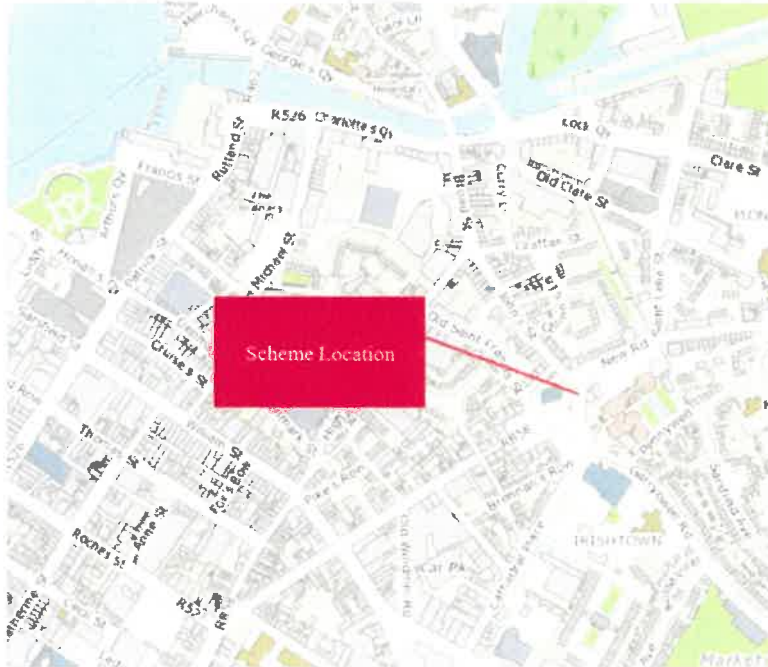


TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1994, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 46 OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REGULATION ACT 2009

Re: RAISED TABLE TOP JUNCTION AND PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT ST JOHN'S HOSPITAL, ST JOHNS SQUARE, NEW ROAD LIMERICK



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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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Date: 18/11/22

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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 traffic calming and pedestrian crossing works at the crossroads junction at New street, St John's Hospital, Limerick.

2.0 Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development

The proposed traffic calming works will be completed on the works at the junction of R858/ L-10522 / L10183 / L10257 St John's Hospital, Limerick. The works consists of improving traffic control measures on the approach to this junction at entries from Garryowen, Johns street and Pennywell by the introduction of a flat top ramp to reduce traffic speed and the installation of a new zebra pedestrian crossing outside St John's Hospital.

Refer to Figures 2.1 to 2.2 of this report.

The plans and particulars went on public display from the 30th of September to the 28th of October 2022. Submissions and observations had to be submitted by 4pm on the 28th of October 2022.

Location:

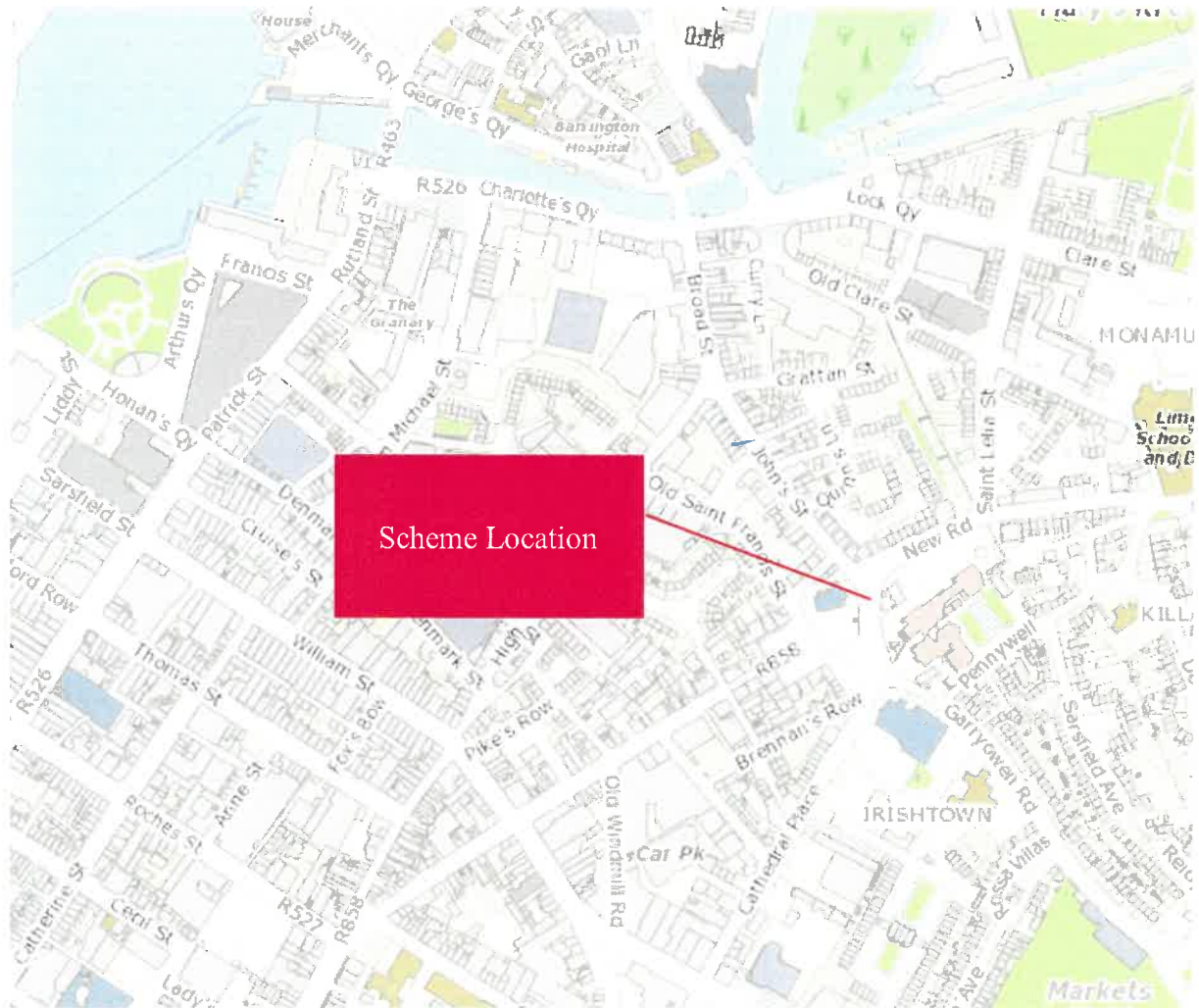


Figure 2.1: Site Location

Site Layout:

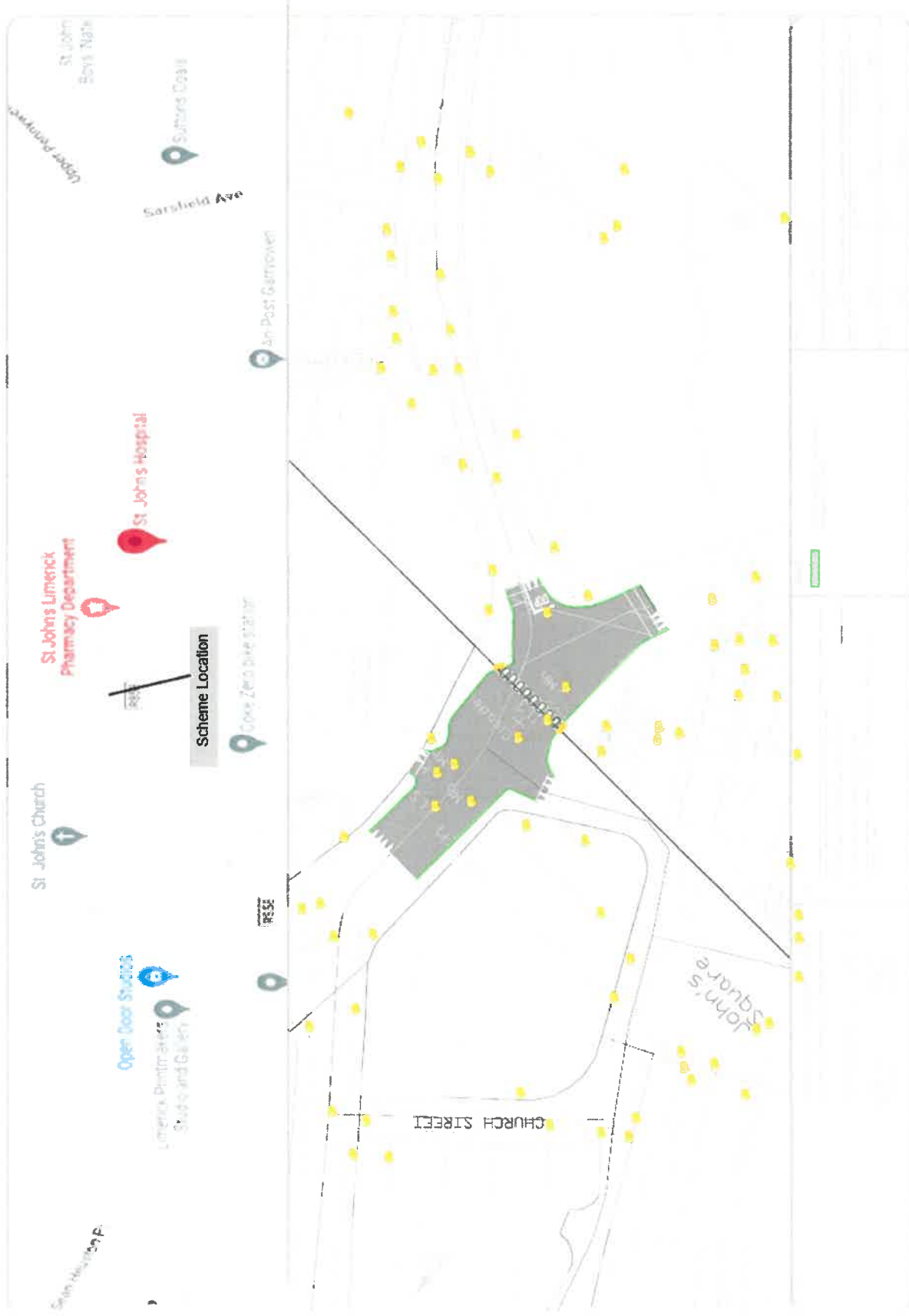


Figure 2.2: Site Layout

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 |
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| 1 | Limerick Cycling Campaign |
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4.1 Submissions:

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Submission Summary:

Theme: Significant road safety improvement

Title: Road Safety

Documents Attached: No

Boundaries Captured on Map: No

Observations:

Limerick Cycling Campaign welcomes the new raised table top junction and pedestrian crossing at St Johns Hospital.

This is a very wide and dangerous crossing point with significant speeds and risk taking by motorists. Due to its use connecting to both a hospital and church it has a significant number of vulnerable and older pedestrians. We also note that this junction is part of Garryowen Rd and has been designated as a secondary route within LSMATS and the updated maps within NTA CycleConnects. We would hope to see a follow on project significantly redistributing road space to active modes while removing the multi lane structure it currently has across this junction. It would be important to ensure a follow up project is progressed in a tight timeframe considering its role as an essential link between the city centre and City East.

Transport and Mobility comments:

1. The LCCC roads dept will design a tabletop ramp which is currently the most appropriate traffic calming solution at this location.
2. It is envisaged that the newly proposed tabletop ramp should alleviate speeding concerns at this junction. The safety of pedestrians especially those that are venerable will be prioritised in this area with the addition of a new pedestrian zebra crossing at the current desired crossing line from James Johns Hospital to St Johns Square on the opposite side of New Street.
3. LCCC Roads department will continue to work with the Active Travel department on any further future upcoming schemes to improve this secondary active travel route based on the Limerick Metropolitan Area Transport strategy for this area.

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Transport and Mobility comments:

Limerick City and County Council Roads department envisages that a tabletop ramp is currently the most practical solution to increase the safety of all road users at the St Johns hospital junction. The newly raised table top ramp will slow down traffic on approach to this junction to increase the safety of all road users especially pedestrians and for the residents in this area.

Ramps on approach will be installed as per the raised table top specifications to suit traffic calming requirements.

The safety of pedestrians especially those that are venerable will be prioritised in this area with the addition of a new pedestrian crossing at the current desired crossing line from James Johns Hospital to St Johns Square on the opposite side of New Street.

Future permeability and Active Travel schemes, based on the Limerick Metropolitan Area Transport strategy for this area, will be considered for this area subject to feasibility and funding availability.

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 30th of September. This project does not require planning as it does not meet the planning thresholds as laid out in the Planning & Development Regulations, 2001-2021.