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1 Introduction

Introduction

Limerick City and County Council are proposing traffic calming measures pursuant to Section 38 (3) of the Road Traffic Act 1994, as amended by the Public Transportation Regulation Act, 2009 (Section 46), on the L-1236 Station Road, Askeaton, Co. Limerick. The works will involve the construction and installation of new footpaths, public lighting and associated works.

1.1 Project Overview

The overall scheme aims to provide high quality footpaths connecting the houses along the L-1236 into the existing footpaths within Askeaton town, thus improving the potential for walking from this location into the town, its businesses, schools and facilities. The measures will also regularise the road widths along the route. Improvement works include:

- New and improved footpaths
- Pedestrian crossing points
- Public lighting
- Drainage Improvements along the route



Figure 1.1 Station Road, Askeaton

2 POLICY CONTEXT AND DESIGN

The proposal has been developed with consideration of the Askeaton Local Area Plan 2015-2021 (extended to 2025), Limerick Development Plan (2022-2028), and relevant national and regional planning policy and guidelines including the National Planning Framework (2018), Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2019), the Regional Spatial and Economic Strategy for the Southern Region (2020),

The Limerick Development Plan (2022-2028) was adopted on the 17th June 2022 and came into effect on the 29th July 2022. The proposal has had regard to the following policies and objectives within the Plan which are considered to be consistent with regional and national policy:

- Policy TR P3 Integration of Land Use and Transport Policies
- Policy TR P4 Promotion of Sustainable Patterns of Transport Use
- Policy TR P5 Sustainable Mobility and Regional Accessibility
- Policy TR P6 Delivery of Transport Infrastructure in line with National Policy
- Objective TR 06 Delivering Modal Split
- Objective TR 07 Behavioural Change Measures
- Objective TR 08 Walking and Cycling Infrastructure

The proposal is considered to be consistent with these key policies and objectives in relation to Sustainable Mobility and Transport.

3 SECTION 38

3.1 Introduction

The drawings and particulars for the project were made available for inspection at

- Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle, Limerick (V94 WV78)
- Limerick City and County Council, Merchant's Quay, Limerick (V94 EH90)
- Adare – Rathkeale Municipal Office, Áras Seán Finn, Rathkeale Co. Limerick (V94 HK1V)

during office business hours from Thursday 15th June 2023 to Thursday 13th July 2023 inclusive. The documents were also available for inspection online during the above timeframe at [www.mypoint.limerick.ie](https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/consultation/section-38-proposed-works-station-road-askeaton-l-1236-co-limerick): <https://mypoint.limerick.ie/en/consultation/section-38-proposed-works-station-road-askeaton-l-1236-co-limerick>

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

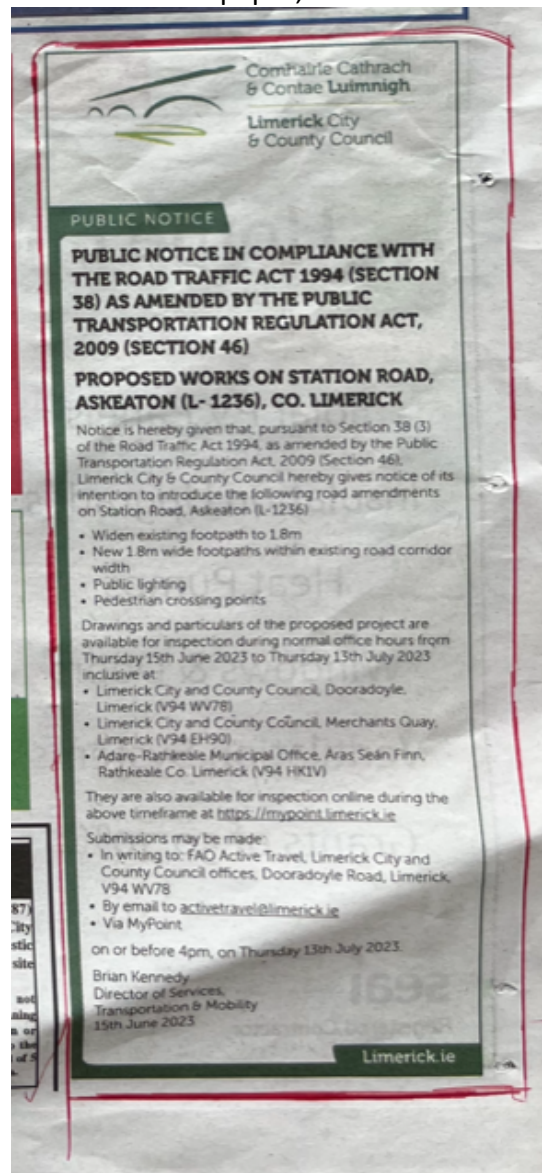


Figure 3.1 Newspaper Advertisement

3.2 Submissions

The deadline for submissions and observations regarding the proposal, to be made in writing, to Limerick City and County Council, Dooradoyle Road, Dooradoyle, by email to activetravel@limerick.ie or online at www.mypoint.limerick.ie was set at 4pm, on Thursday 13th July 2023.

3.3 Submission Received

At the closing time outlined, no submissions had been received

4 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 and the public consultation process undertaken.

The overall aim of the project is to improve pedestrian connectivity along Station Road and encourage walking from this Road into the businesses, schools and facilities of the town of Askeaton.

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

The public consultation, Section 38, process returned no submissions.

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