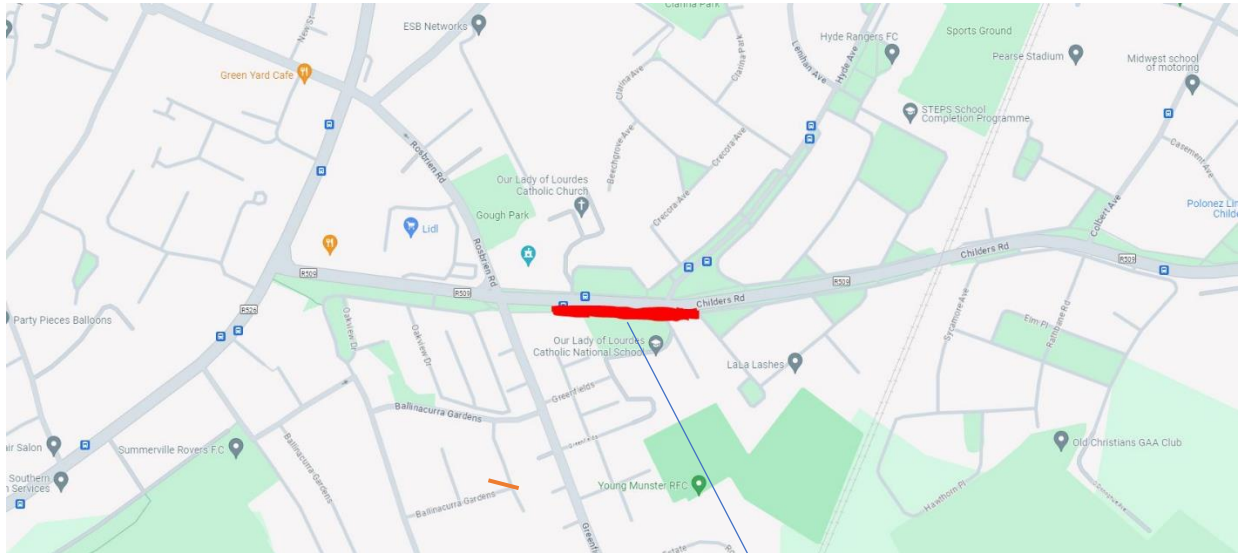


**TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1994, AS AMENDED BY SECTION 46 OF THE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REGULATION ACT 2009**

**Re: TRAFFIC CALMING WORKS ON GREENMOUNT AVENUE (L-10465, CHILDERS ROAD**



**Dan Slavin**  
**Senior Executive Engineer**

**Sean McGlynn**  
**Senior Engineer**

Location of Section 38  
L-10465

**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.**

**Brian Kennedy**  
**Director of Services**  
**Transport and Mobility Directorate**

**Date:** 21/03/24

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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 works on the L-10465 Greenmount Avenue, Childers Road.

### **2.0 Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development**

The proposed works are to be carried out at the L-10465 Greenmount Avenue include: footpath widening works, upgrade to two existing pedestrian crossings, provision of new bus lay-by and bus shelter, relocation of entrance/exit from Greenmount Avenue to Childers Road, restriction of traffic to one-way for a portion of Greenmount Avenue, and modifications and improvements to road markings, signs and drainage.

**The plans and particulars went on public display from the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 to 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2024. Submissions and observations had to be submitted by 5pm on the 29<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.**

## **Site Layout:**

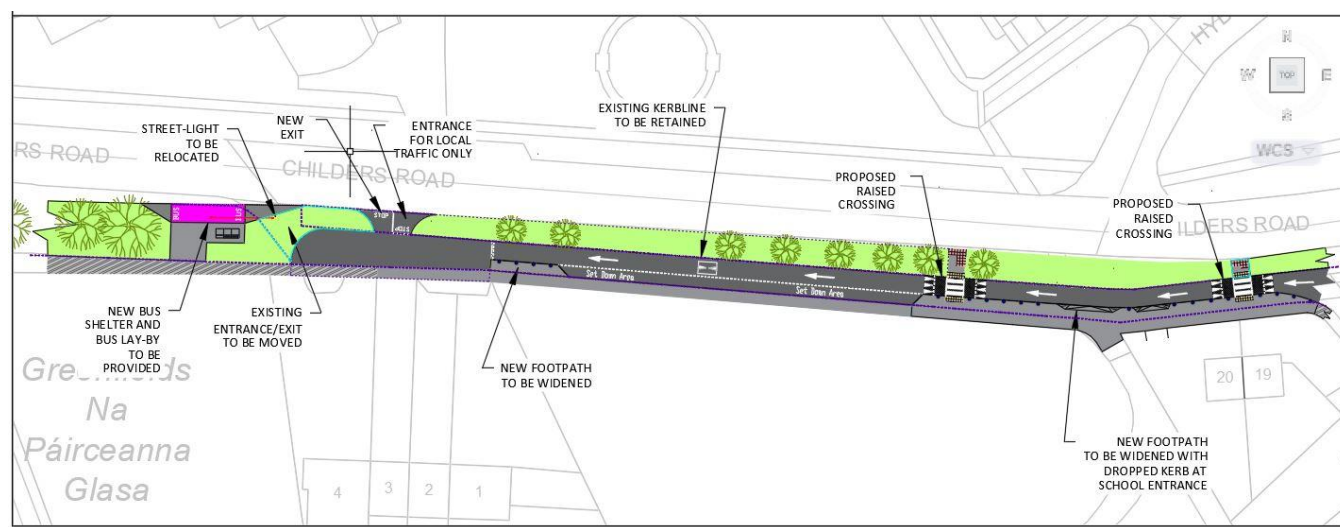


Figure 2.1: Site Layout

### **3.0 Background to proposed works**

The Principals of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic National School and Mid West School for the Deaf approached Limerick City & County Council requesting changes be made to Greenmount Avenue, which would facilitate safer access and egress for school children and their parents. Their concerns centred around traffic speed and illegal parking at drop-off and collection times.

Limericks Active Travel team have redesigned this section of Greenmount Avenue to address these concerns. The objectives of the Safe Routes to School initiative have been considered in the design.

This project is located adjacent to the Childers Road Active Travel Scheme, which will improve cycle connectivity in the locality.

Limerick City and County Council Active Travel has engaged in a consultation process with relevant stakeholders - Principals of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic National School and Mid West School for the Deaf, and local residents - over the past number of months.

### **4.0 Habitats Directive Project Screening Assessment**

An Appropriate Assessment screening report was prepared by Rosie O'Donnell, Executive Planner, Limerick City and County Council.

This report concluded that there are not likely to be significant effects from the proposed works to the European Sites identified and gave approval to proceed with the works.

Due to the small scale, nature of the project, an Environmental Impact Assessment Report (EIAR) is not required.

## **5.0 Submissions Received**

### **5.1 Postal:**

There was 1 no. submission made by post, as follows:

Submitted by: Mid West School for the Deaf

Title: **Proposed Works at Greenmount Avenue (L-10465) adjacent to R-509 Childers Road, Limerick City**

- In support of scheme
- Appreciate LC&CC engagement

(See Appendix A for copy of full submission)

Active Travel response: *Submission noted*

### **5.2 Online Submissions:**

There were 3 no. submissions made through mypoint.limerick.ie, as follows:

<b>Submission Ref.</b>	<b>Submitted by</b>
<b>LCC-C289-GREEN-1</b>	Leo Dillon
<b>LCC-C289-GREEN-2</b>	Our Lady of Lourdes National School
<b>LCC-C289-GREEN-3</b>	Limerick Cycling Campaign

#### **LCC-C289-GREEN-1**

Title: **'No provision for contraflow cycling on proposed one-way motor traffic restriction'**

*"The proposed one-way system to be introduced along a portion of Greenmount Ave fails to consider the needs of cycle traffic in the area. Currently, cycle traffic between Greenfields and nearby areas south of Childers Rd can move safely and easily along Greenmount Ave. This proposal however will force people on cycles to cross Childers Rd twice as well as Hyde Rd (3 controlled crossings in total) in order to get past the one-way system. Not only should a contra-flow for cycle traffic be added to this proposal (see TL110 Contraflow Cycling on Shared Streets in the National Cycle Manual for design details), adding a link from the western end of Greenmount Ave to the junction at Greenfields would provide a safe and direct cycle link for people staying south of Childers Rd."*

(See Appendix B for diagram)

Active Travel response:

*Re. cyclists being unable to cycle west to east on the one-way system – It is considered that crossing onto the Childers Road and availing of the three controlled crossings to return back onto Greenmount Avenue, is a feasible option for cyclists over this relatively short distance.*

*Re. the suggested link from the western end of Greenmount Ave to the junction at Greenfields – this will be addressed in submission LCC-C289-GREEN-3*

### **LCC-C289-GREEN-2**

Title: **Changes to Greenmount Ave.**

- In support of scheme
- New layout will alleviate risk for pedestrians and cyclists
- Neighbouring houses should experience less disruption to their entrances

(See Appendix C for copy of full submission)

Active Travel response: *Submission noted*

### **LCC-C289-GREEN-3**

Title: **Limerick Cycling campaign Submission - Section 38 for Proposed Works at Greenmount Avenue (L-10465) adjacent to R-509 Childers Road, Limerick City**

- In support of scheme
- One-way system will improve safety for drop-off and collection.
- Request for cycle link to Ballinacurra Estate

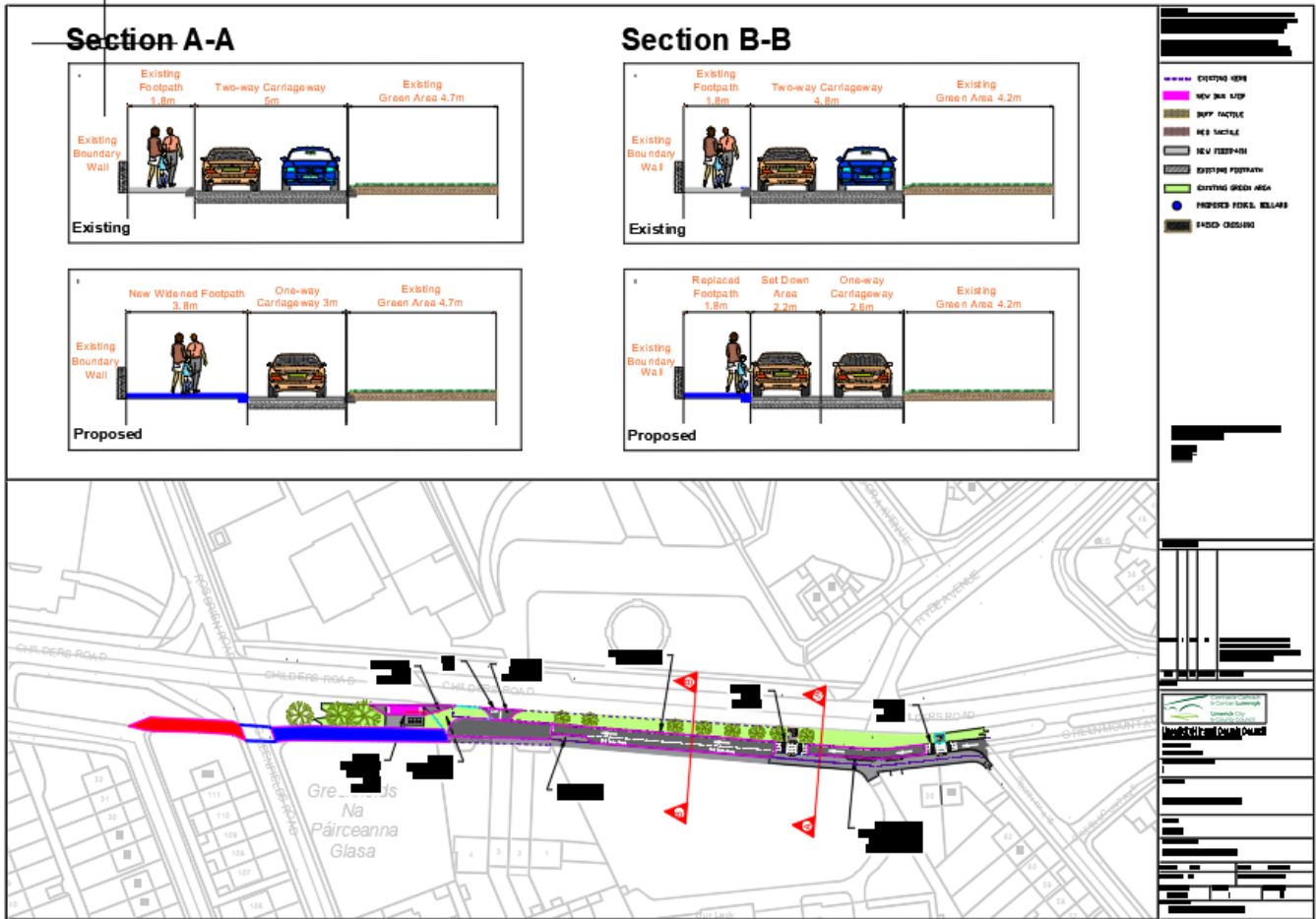
(See Appendix D for copy of full submission)

Active Travel response:

*Re. suggestion to include link from Greenmount Avenue to Ballinacurra Gardens – A widened footpath from Greenmount Avenue to Rosbrien Road junction will be included in this scheme. A link from Rosbrien Road to Oakview Drive may be accommodated by future works in the area.*

## **6.0 Analysis of Submissions and Conclusion**

Based on historical consultation with two schools served by Greenmount Avenue, the submissions made to public consultation Advertised Section 38, and feedback from Road Safety Audit consultants - Limerick City and County Council will proceed with works as set out in Section 38.



Limerick City and County Council Active Travel welcomes the feedback received on this project and proposes to proceed in accordance with the plans to this report. A widened footpath from Greenmount Avenue to Rosbrien Road junction (denoted in blue in above drawing) will be included in this scheme. A link from Rosbrien Road to Oakview Drive (denoted in red in above drawing) may be accommodated by future works in the area.

## **Appendix A**

# Mid West School for the Deaf

[www.midwestschoolforthe deaf.com](http://www.midwestschoolforthe deaf.com)



Mid West School for the Deaf  
Childer's Road  
Rosbrien  
Limerick



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Limerick  
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21.02.2024

**RE: Proposed works at Greenmount Avenue (L-10465), adjacent to R-509 Childers Road, Limerick City**

Dear Mr. Kennedy,

I write to advise that the Board of Management of the Mid West School for the Deaf is in support of the above scheme. We would like to thank everyone involved who have met with us to discuss the safety concerns we had at the front gate of the school, particularly at times of arrival and dispersal of our students. We commend the professionalism of those involved and we are hopeful that the works will be able to go ahead as planned.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

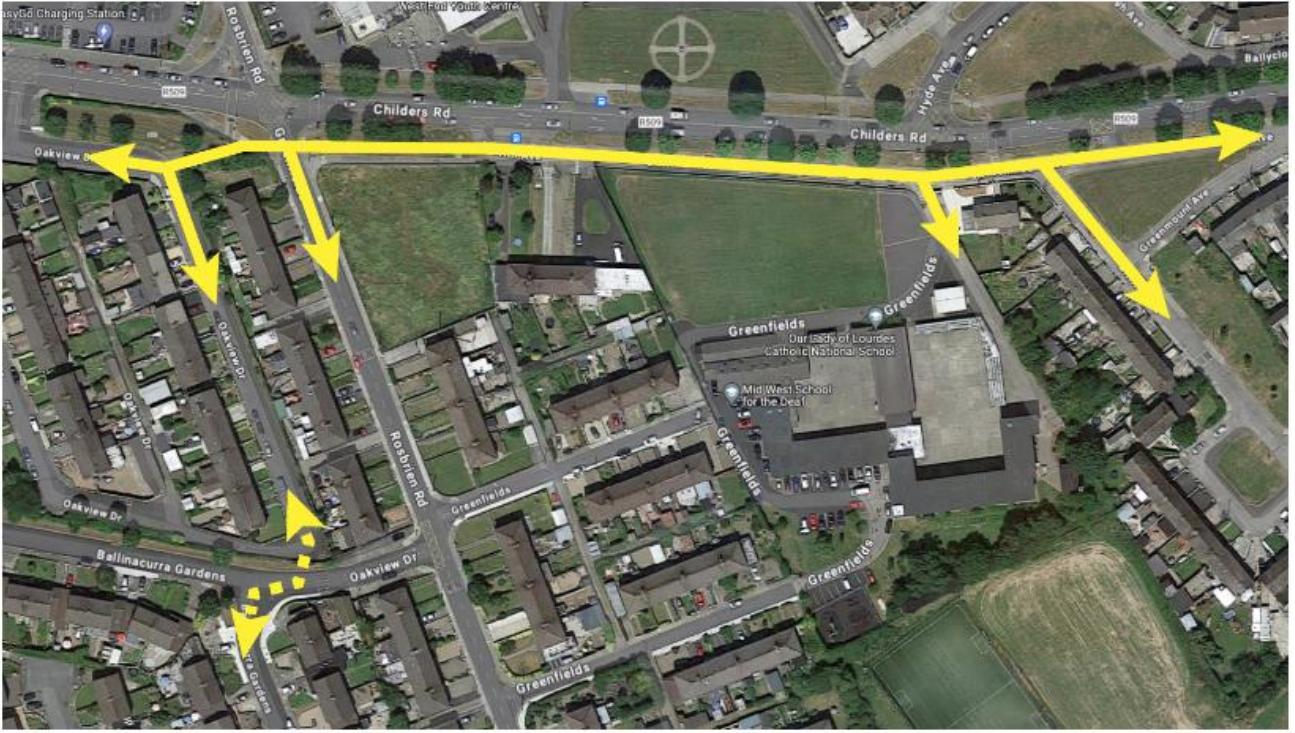
Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Maria Allen".

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Maria Allen  
Principal  
Secretary, Board of Management





**Appendix C**



Investing in Children Membership Award Achieved  
Our Lady of Lourdes National School, Limerick & PPFS Dept., Tusla, Limerick

Dear Caitriona,

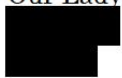
With reference to the proposed works at Greenmount Avenue, we in the above school would like to record our strong support for the project as detailed.

This section of roadway acts as a drop-off and pick-up zone three times a day for two schools, namely the Midwest School for the Deaf and us. The traffic congestion and confusion particularly in the morning has caused many issues but mostly safety challenges as there is also a supervised crossing for children coming from Hyde Road that have to navigate this avenue after using the pedestrian crossing.

Despite both schools' attempts to request vehicles travel in a one-way direction, this is not always observed and unsavoury stand-offs occur regularly. The design as proposed would immediately alleviate this aspect and reduce the risk for pedestrians and cyclist alike. Our neighbours at both sides of this stretch of roadway should experience less disruption as cars will not be able to park outside their respective residences and a clearway at the gate would, in our opinion, have a better chance of being observed.

Kind regards,

Peter Jennings,  
Principal,  
Our Lady of Lourdes NS,



*Our Lady of Lourdes N.S., Rosbrien, Limerick. 196670*



## Limerick Cycling Campaign



20th February 2024

**Submission to Limerick Council for Section 38 for Proposed Works at Greenmount Ave (L-10465) adjacent to R-509 Childers Rd, Limerick City**

Thank you to the Council and Active Travel team for their work progressing this much needed project to Section 38 consultation stage.

We have some observations that we feel may inform minor changes that could lead to improvements for those using active modes of travel on this route.

### General Safety Improvements

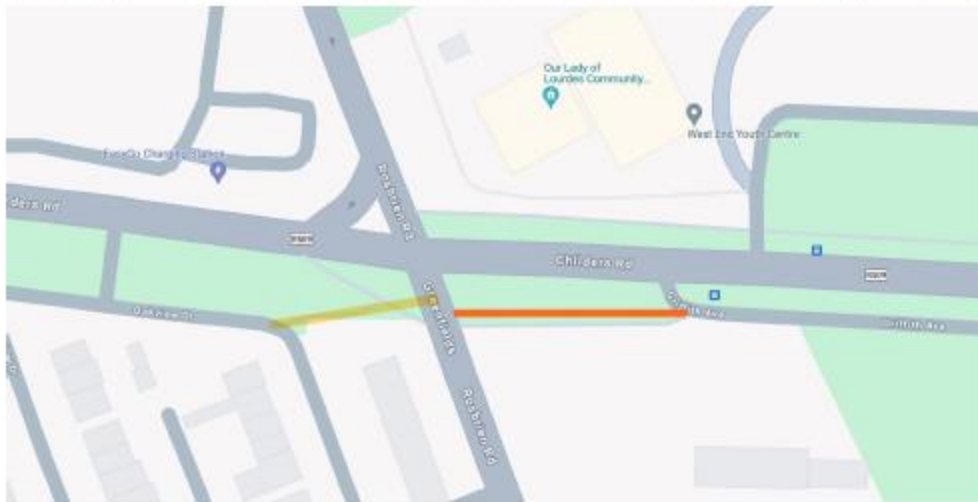
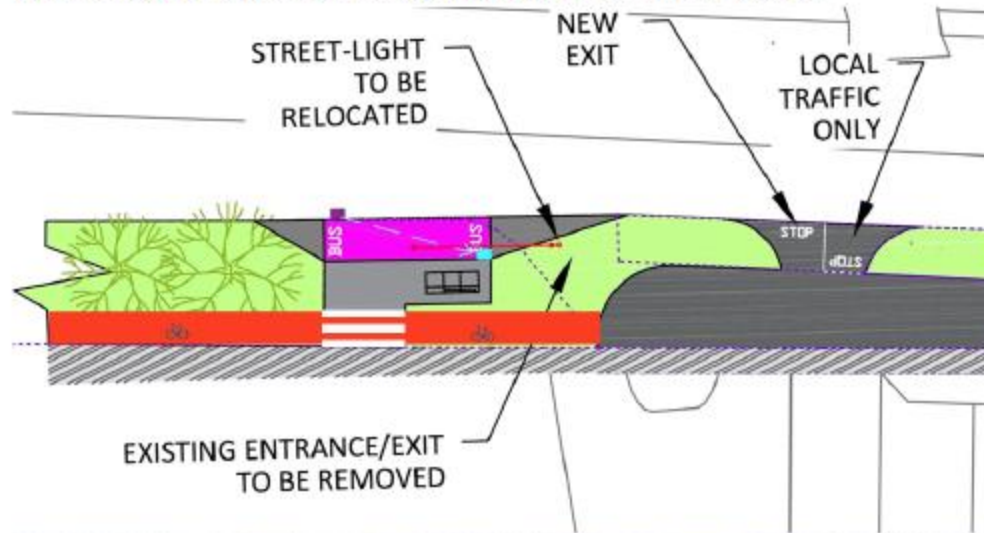
We welcome the introduction of a properly established one-way system outside the MidWest School for the Deaf. The removal of the second lane to provide safe drop-off facilities will provide a much safer morning and afternoon collection for the students attending. The addition of a safe bus bay away from the immediate school gate is also an excellent improvement.

### Request for cycle link to Ballinacurra Estate

The changes that have come from the recent Hyde Rd and Childers Rd Active Travel projects have transformed the area for cyclists. There is an opportunity to improve connectivity for residents to the south to both the Childers Rd scheme and to the local Baggott Estate amenity.

We request a widening of the footpath to the west of the project to accommodate a short approx 50m connecting cycle path to the crossing point on the south of the junction. This will allow a safe connection between Greenmount Ave and Oakview Drive, Ballinacurra Gardens.

We're attaching some visualisations below to illustrate our proposed addition:



Limerick Cycling Campaign fully supports this project and the positive impact it will have on the safety and wellbeing of the pupils in the MidWest School for the Deaf as well as the improvements it will bring to the area for residents.

Regards,

Conor Buckley  
Chair, Limerick Cycling Campaign