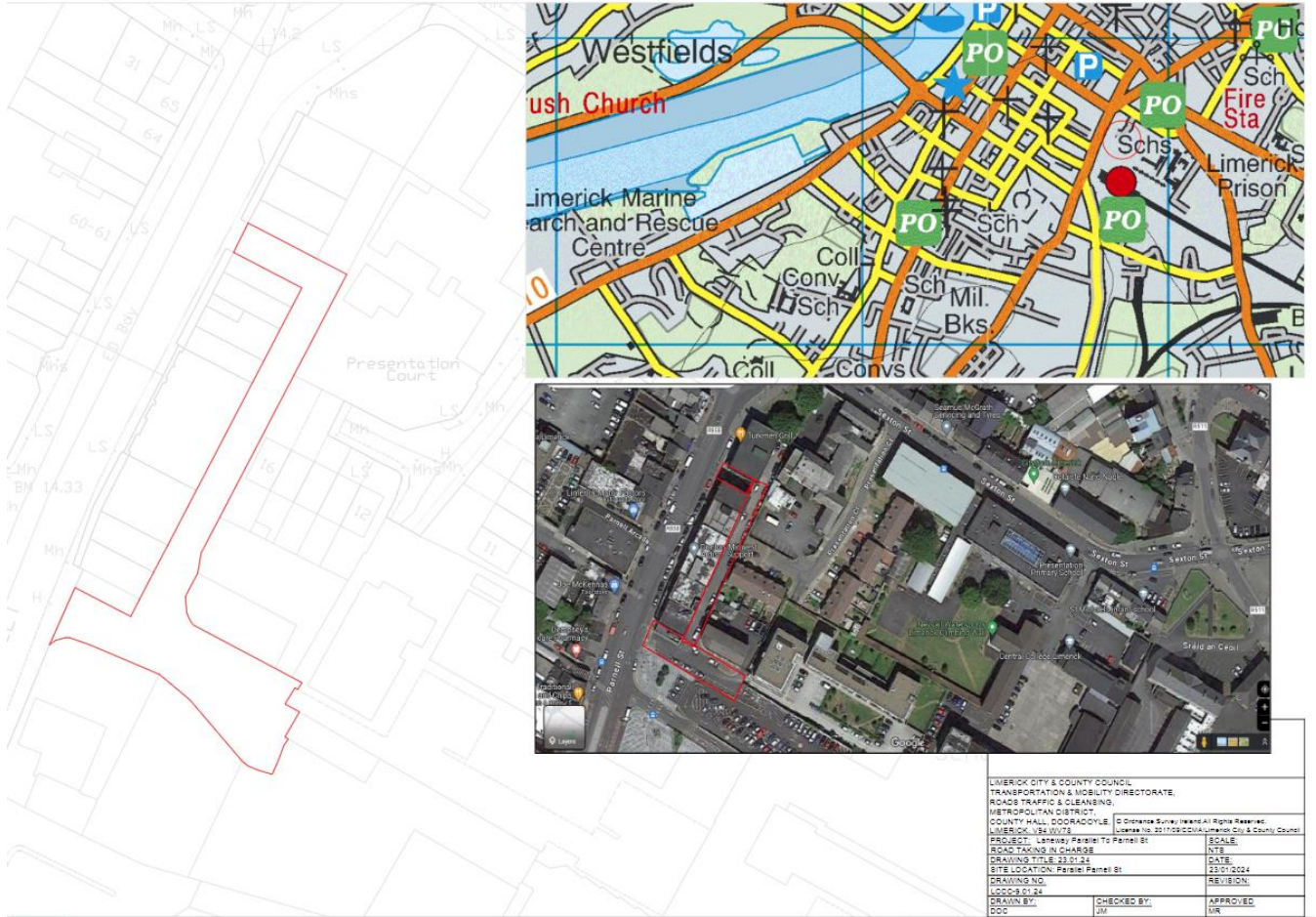


**TRANSPORT AND MOBILITY REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 11 OF THE ROADS ACT, 1993**

**Re: DECLARATION OF A PUBLIC ROAD, ACCESS ROADS AND LANEWAY TO THE REAR OF NOS 4 – 8 PARNELL STREET, PRIORS LAND, LIMERICK**



**Pursuant to SECTION 11 OF THE ROADS ACT, 1993, it is recommended that the 162m of roadway accessing the rear of Nos 4 – 8 Parnell Street is taken in charge by Limerick City and County Council**

*Brian Kennedy*

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

**Date:** 09/05/2024

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## 1.0 Foreword

Under the 1993 Roads Act, a Road Authority may, by order, declare any road over which a public right of way exists to be a public road. In accordance with the Act where a road authority proposes to declare a road to be a public road it shall:

- Satisfy itself that the road is of general public utility,
- Consider the financial implications for the authority of the proposed declaration,
- Advertise in accordance with regulations that it is proposed to declare the road to be a public road and consider any objections or representations made to it. The consideration of objections or representations and the making of an order are reserved functions.

A report detailing the financial implications of this process is included at Appendix. 1 of this document.

## 2.0 Details of advertisement.

**The intention to declare this roadway as a public road was advertised from Friday 2nd February to Friday 1st March 2024. Submissions and objections had to be submitted by the 15th March 2024.**

## 3.0 Submissions with respect to the proposed declaration of a public road.

Submission Ref	Submitted by
1	Dochas Midwest Autism Support
2	Catherine Hartigan
3	Alan Meaney
4	Orla Canty
5	Mark Murphy

### Submissions:

#### SUB 1 Dochas Midwest Autism Support

#### Submission Summary:

#### The safety of our users and staff at Dochas Midwest Autism Support

We first requested some action to take place on this lane on 08/02/2022. Email info below in inverted commas.

“We are a business at 14 Parnell Street and are having continued issues around parking, blocking of lane, blocking of our emergency exit, access for people doing business with us and entry and exit points to this lane. We are at a place where we feel the safety of our staff and members is a major issue currently. A number of times per week our emergency exit is blocked at the rear of the building. We provide club activities for children & young people and we could have up to 100 children here at the weekend/evenings.

“We have contacted Roxboro Garda station last week and we had them visit. There are so many cars parked in back lane that it was impossible to get a tow truck down the lane to tow a car blocking our emergency exit. Our fear is if we have a fire, we may not be able to get staff and members out of building and emergency services will also not be able to access the back of the building also.”

We now are in a position where we are serving 250+ children with the same dynamics in play. The issues on the lane have increased with open drug taking/dealing, urinating, and defecating a regular occurrence. Our staff no longer feel safe using the back of our building for entrance or exit. The issue of cars blocking the lane/emergency exits continues and this is a serious issue for our vulnerable members and vulnerable staff (we have nine autistic staff and will be increasing this number in 2024). Emergency services would not have access to this lane currently due to the illegal parking that exists

### **Transport and Mobility comments:**

*It is envisaged once Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) Roads operations takes this laneway in charge we hope to introduce a one-way traffic management system whereby loading areas and designated parking as outlined on Appendix A below will be introduced. Yellow boxes and double yellow line markings will also be installed to keep fire and emergency exits clear and accessible. This newly proposed traffic management system will be enforceable by the Gardaí and LCCC Traffic team.*

*The introduction of this system will also make the laneway more easily accessible for the LCCC Cleansing team to complete clean-up operations if required.*

*Any anti-social behavior in this area should be reported to the Gardaí.*

### **SUB 2 Catherine Hartigan**

#### **Submission Summary:**

#### **Public Health and Safety Concerns**

I wish to raise very serious concerns regarding public health and safety issues in Parnell St. Lane in Limerick City. I do so in my capacity as an employee working in Parnell St. and as the parent of a young adult , who volunteers with Dóchas Midwest Autism Support. The situation with illegal parking in the lane makes it practically impossible to use emergency exits for most of the buildings on that part of Parnell St. and in the event of an emergency , first responders would be unable to drive their vehicles or access the emergency doors. Another point of serious concern is the level of anti social behaviour currently happening daily in the lane, open drug taking and dealing, and the hygiene and sanitation situation in the lane is absolutely disgusting and dangerous. It is not acceptable under any circumstances. The lane needs to be controlled effectively, policed correctly and thoroughly cleaned and disinfected as a matter of urgency.

### **Transport and Mobility comments:**

*It is envisaged once Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) Roads operations takes this laneway in charge, fire and emergency exits will be kept clear and accessible as outlined on our proposed Traffic Management system outlined on Appendix A below*

*The introduction of this system will also make the laneway more easily accessible for the LCCC Cleansing team to complete clean-up operations if required.  
Any anti-social behavior in this area should be reported to the Gardaí.*

### **SUB 3 Alan Meaney**

#### **Safety of Staff and members of Dóchas Midwest Autism support**

I work in Dóchas Midwest Autism support. We run 19 social groups for children and young adults . We also support schools during the week , along we movement groups . At least a few times a week cars have blocked our access to leave the premises via the back lane. We have made multiple calls to An Garda Síochána . They have said that they cannot get a truck down the lane to remove the obstructing vehicles as access is blocked by other cars. This is a major health and safety risk for everyone involved. We have put up signs on our doors and fliers on the persons cars and all have been ignored.

#### **Transport and Mobility comments:**

*It is envisaged once Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) Roads operations takes this laneway in charge, fire and emergency exits will be kept clear and roadway fully accessible as outlined on our proposed Traffic Management system outlined on Appendix below*

### **SUB 4 Orla Canty**

#### **Submission Summary:**

#### **Concern about the parked cars blocking the Emergency exits and access for emergency vehicles at the rear of 14 Parnell St, Dóchas Midwest Autism Support Centre**

As our Centre Manager has already stated in his submission Ref 1 on this issue, the consistent presence of parked cars at the rear of the Dóchas Centre causes a hazard for the Centre Users, their families and Centre staff. Access is blocked to the back of the building regularly so emergency vehicles would not be able to enter the lane should the need arise causing the Management and Board of Dóchas, of which I am a member, great concern. Also when cars are parked outside the Dóchas building emergency exits that open into that lane, this presents a direct danger to Centre Users, family members and Staff as they would not be able to exit the building safely in the event of the need for an evacuation. The Centre is a lifeline for so many families in the Limerick city and surrounding counties and is highly valued by those of us in the Autism Community benefitting from its great work. This is an ongoing issue and dates back to Feb 2022 when the first request for action was submitted to the Council but to no avail. Both the Board and Management of Dóchas are keen to see action taken by the Council on this matter to resolve this issue as soon as possible and allow the Management to get on with the arduous task of keeping the Centre running, safe for all users and supporting families with their complex needs which is valued and essential

**Transport and Mobility comments:**

*It is envisaged once Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) Roads operations takes this laneway in charge, fire and emergency exits will be kept clear and roadway fully accessible as outlined on our proposed Traffic Management system outlined on Appendix A below*

**SUB 5 Mark Murphy**

**Submission Summary:**

**Laneway to the rear of 8 Parnell St.**

Following an unsigned letter being delivered to Parnell St., regarding the takeover of the service lane at the rear of our premises, to our knowledge over the years each business had parking and showed courtesy and respect to each other in our 31 years as a ratepayer, we were responsible to keeping our area tidy, we have seen many changes with many broken promises.

The lower end of the lane should also part of this as it is all the one area even though a premises got permission for a bin storage and not a gated area or to block the safety fencing area to the green as communicated to us by the planning authority which was to be removed same not done. There seem to be different rules for different peoples some have come in the last few years trying to take over one is an elected councillor member of LCC trading. The gated area is a fire hazard blocking exit from the many apartments over the trading business with only one entrance same exit to the front only no fire stairs or door to the back or sides of this end of lane not in the takeover.

**Transport and Mobility comments:**

*This laneway is Council property, however it is not in charge under Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) Roads operations. There has been previous reports and surveys undertaken identifying evidence of poor parking leading to the blocking of roadway emergency and roadway accesses. There has also been reports anti-social behavior. It is envisaged once Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) Roads operations takes this laneway in charge, a loading bay area and parking layout will be introduced as outlined on Appendix below. This layout can be further discussed and reviewed with our Traffic team once this laneway is taken into charge.*

*LCCC Roads do not have any current plans to take the lower end of the laneway into the charge. Any matters concerning this gated area should be referred to LCCC Planning Enforcement [enforcements@limerick.ie](mailto:enforcements@limerick.ie)*

## 4.0 Conclusion

This public consultation process has provided 5 submissions with 4 outlining existing parking causing accessibility and emergence access issues. Another submission raised concerns about resident parking which the LCCC Traffic team will review and discuss with the residents if required.

This laneway is Council owned property, however it has not been taken in charge under Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) Roads operations. There has been previous reports and surveys undertaken identifying evidence of poor parking leading to the blocking of roadway, emergency and roadway accesses. There has also been reports of anti-social behaviour

It is envisaged once Limerick City & County Council (LCCC) Roads operations takes this laneway in charge we hope to introduce a one-way traffic management system whereby loading areas and designated parking as outlined on Appendix A below will be introduced. Yellow boxes and double yellow line markings will also be installed to keep fire and emergency exits clear and accessible. This newly proposed traffic management system will be enforceable by the Gardaí and LCCC Traffic team. The introduction of this system will also make the laneway more easily accessible for the LCCC Cleansing team to complete clean-up operations if required.

The Appendix B to this report sets out the defects in this roadway and the costs of rectifying same. The estimated costs of these rectification measures is €60,018.80. These works will be scheduled when funding can be secured for same.

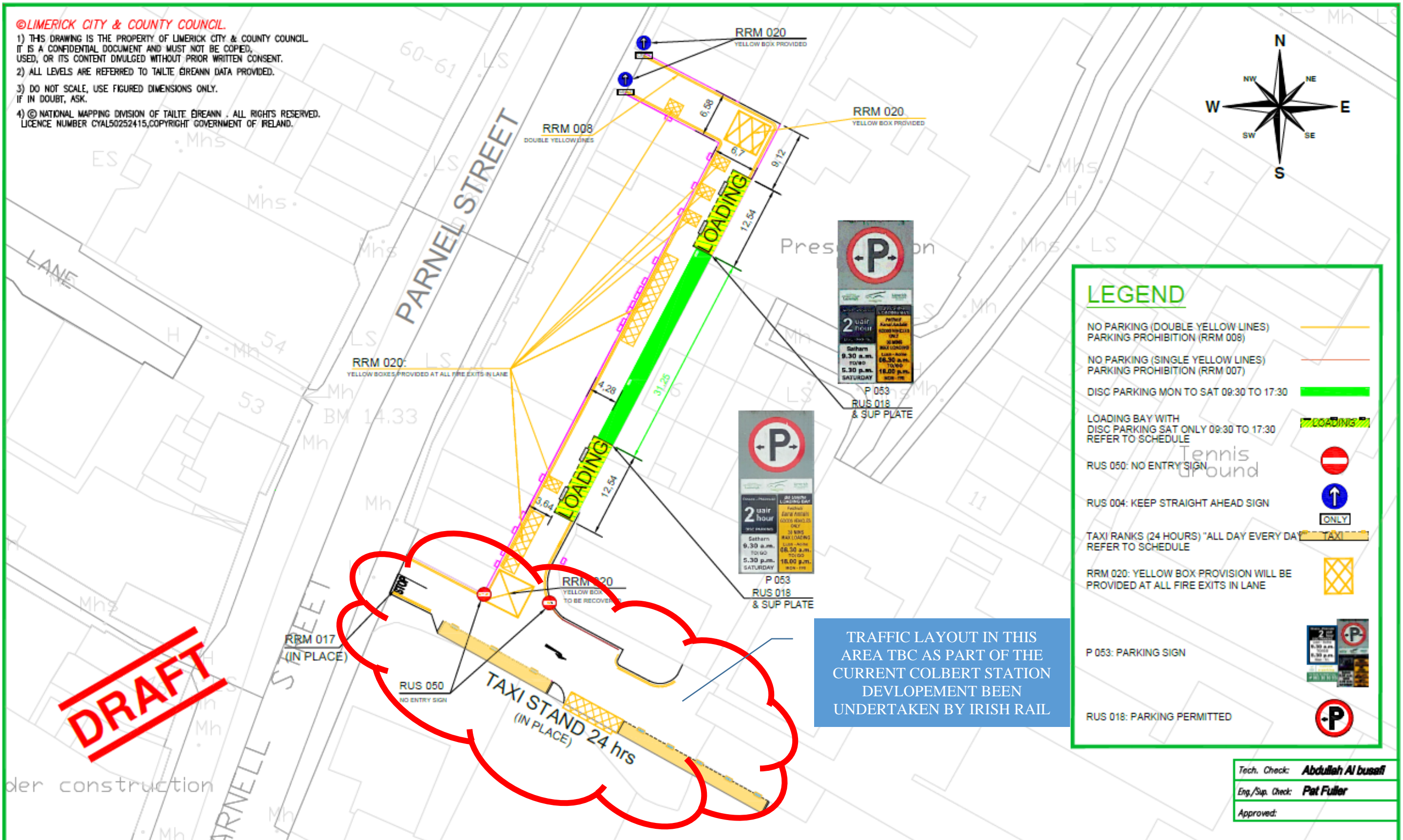
It is recommended to the Members of Limerick Metropolitan District that the roadway accessing the rear of Nos 4 – 8 Parnell Street, Priors land, Limerick is declared a Public Road.



# Appendix A: Newly proposed Traffic Management layout to Parnell street laneway

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### LEGEND

- NO PARKING (DOUBLE YELLOW LINES) PARKING PROHIBITION (RRM 008)
- NO PARKING (SINGLE YELLOW LINES) PARKING PROHIBITION (RRM 007)
- DISC PARKING MON TO SAT 09:30 TO 17:30
- LOADING BAY WITH DISC PARKING SAT ONLY 09:30 TO 17:30 REFER TO SCHEDULE
- RUS 050: NO ENTRY SIGN
- RUS 004: KEEP STRAIGHT AHEAD SIGN
- TAXI RANKS (24 HOURS) \*ALL DAY EVERY DAY\* REFER TO SCHEDULE
- RRM 020: YELLOW BOX PROVISION WILL BE PROVIDED AT ALL FIRE EXITS IN LANE
- P 053: PARKING SIGN
- RUS 018: PARKING PERMITTED

TRAFFIC LAYOUT IN THIS AREA TBC AS PART OF THE CURRENT COLBERT STATION DEVELOPEMENT BEEN UNDERTAKEN BY IRISH RAIL

REV.	DESCRIPTION	BY	CKD	APP	DATE



Job: **TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY, ROADS TRAFFIC & CLEANSING**  
 Title: **ROADS/TRAFFIC: SITE LAYOUT OF LANE/ROAD PROPOSED LAYOUT OPTION B PLAN**

**TRANSPORTATION & MOBILITY ROADS / TRAFFIC (METROPOLITAN DISTRICT CITY)**

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 Scale @A3: 1:0.5  
 Drawn: PF  
 Date: 9.02.2024  
 Drawing No: **2024-1003-T-003** Rev: **VO**



## **Appendix B: Estimated Costs**

<b>Job description</b>	<b>Unit</b>		
	<b>M2</b>	<b>Unit Cost</b>	<b>Total Cost</b>
Macadam	468	€60	€28,080.00
	<b>No.</b>		
Gullies to be installed	4	€350	€1,400.00
	<b>No.</b>		
New street lighting	3	€5,000	€15,000.00
Drainage investigation	1	€2,400	€2,400.00
Clear Vegetation	1	€1,000	€1,000.00
Linemarkings & signage	1	€5,000	€5,000.00
<b>Total Ex Vat</b>			<b>€52,880.00</b>
<b>VAT</b>			<b>€7,138.80</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>€60,018.80</b>