

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY 18th APRIL 2017

Question submitted by Councillor John Costelloe

"I will ask at the next Meeting what funding is currently allocated to the Council Mortgage Allowance Scheme for the current year."

Reply:-

We do not provide a budget for this, as the National Local Authority Mortgage Allowance Scheme is claimed in full from the Department of the Environment on a bi-annual basis.

Signed: _____


Patricia Liddy
Senior Executive Officer
Community Support Services

12th April 2017

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METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, 18TH APRIL, 2017

Economic Development & Planning

Date: 10th April 2017

Question submitted by Cmhlr. Séighin Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting what is the current situation with regards the development of the Horizon Mall.

REPLY

All previous planning permissions on the Horizon Mall site at the Parkway, Dublin Road, Limerick have expired.

There are on-going discussions, since the autumn 2016, with the promoters of the site to consider the possible re-uses of the site in keeping with the Limerick County Development Plan and the City Development Plan.

**Signed: P. Daly,
Director of Services,
Economic Development**

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Question submitted by Cmhlr. Séighin Ó Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next Meeting when is it envisaged that the road upgrade on the Bloodmill Road will be completed.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council have completed two Restoration Improvement Schemes on Bloodmill Road during 2015 and 2016 costing €300,000 approx. These schemes included road widening, surface water drainage, road construction overlays and watermain upgrades over a length of 800m between the Garryglass roundabout and the old City/ County boundary at Carn Na Ree estate entrance.

There is a current multi annual roadworks programme 2016-2018 and I confirm that within this programme Limerick City and County Council have no plans to continue improvement works between Carn Na Ree estate and the traffic lights at the junction with Childers road. The completion of Bloodmill road may be included from the 2019 roadworks programme.

**John Sheehan,
Executive Engineer,
Northern Operations Roads.**

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Question submitted by Councillor Elena Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Council confirm to residents of Friarstown Park, Ballyclough when the road in this estate is going to be resurfaced following the representations made by them and on their behalf in the past years.

REPLY:

This estate has a road surface area of approximately 3,800 square metres and is in reasonable condition. Like most of the older estates in the metropolitan area it could do with a resurface and a Ralumac surface would be recommended here. The estimated cost of same is €35,000. The estate has not been included in the 2017 Road Works Scheme but it is proposed to carry out some heavy macadam patching around the estate entrance where potholing occurs frequently. This work will commence shortly.

**Finbarr Keyes,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Roads.**

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Question submitted by Councillor Elena Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Council confirm to residents of Grangewood, Rich Hill and local houses on Newport Road when the footpath on this road from the Mackey roundabout to the Rich Hill estate, which was due to be constructed in May 2016, will be built to address the issue of road safety.

REPLY

At the April Local Area Briefing Meeting held on 4th April a sum of €30,000 was approved in GMA Funding to provide a footpath link between Grangewood Estate and the Mackey Roundabout. Previous requests to carry out this work were declined due to lack of funding. The work includes 100 metres of footpath plus surface water drainage, public lighting and associated civil works. These works are due to take place during May 2017 with the public lighting in place and lit by end of June 2017. Rich Hill Estate is a further 350 metres away and funding is not available to extend the footpath to this estate. Note that Limerick City & County Council will be surfacing Richill Estate in 2017 using Ralumac.

**Finbarr Keyes,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Roads.**

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Question submitted by Councillor Elena Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting that the Council confirm when speed ramps will be put in place on Golf Links Road, Monaleen Road and Old School House Road following the representations made in the past years on behalf of residents living in those areas.

REPLY:

There is no specific budget provided for traffic calming and any new speed ramps would have to be paid for out of general maintenance budgets. A 50 km/hr speed limit applies in all cases and we have received no complaints from An Garda Siochana about speeding issues on the three roads mentioned.

Golf Links Road:

In 2015 and 2016 Limerick City & County Council has undertaken works to manage traffic speeds along a substantial length of Golf Links Road including:

- a structural overlay between School House Road junction and Castletroy Golf Club. There were 3 sets to speed cushions incorporated along this length to enhance the safety for individual dwellings and through traffic along this length.
- Structural overlay at entrance to Mount Green Estate with an upgrade to the existing table top ramp.

School House Road:

There are four flat top ramps covering a 400 metre length of this road where dwellings are concentrated and have individual accesses onto the road. The remaining 420 metres of the road has only three entrances serving housing estates. I am satisfied that there is no need for additional traffic calming measures on this road.

Monaleen Road:

This road has two ramps at the southern end, another one at Monaleen Church and a fourth at the approach to the R445 Dublin Road junction. There is also a raised pedestrian crossing at Monaleen School and traffic lights at the junction with School House Road and Monaleen Link Road. I am satisfied that there is no need for additional traffic calming measures on this road.

**Finbarr Keyes,
Senior Executive Engineer,
Roads.**

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Question submitted by Councillor Cian Prendiville

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the plans for outdoor film showing nights over the summer, whether in the public parks or the Milk Market, as discussed last year.

REPLY:

Outdoor cinema events were held successfully in the Peoples Park in 2014 as part of the City of Culture. There are currently no plans for outdoor cinema events in our public parks for the coming year but this can be kept under review subject to funding and weather.

We cannot comment on film nights planned for the Milk Market as this comes under the remit of The Limerick Market Trustees.

**Roger Noonan,
A/Senior Executive Engineer,
Operations North - Parks & Cleansing.**

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Economic Development

Date: 10th April 2017

Question submitted by Councillor Paul Keller

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the situation regarding the increasingly derelict Horizon Mall site, if it will be inspected for inclusion on the derelict sites register, and if there are any plans for it to be developed as student accommodation, community facilities, or a public space as previously suggested.

REPLY

All previous planning permissions on the Horizon Mall site at the Parkway, Dublin Road, Limerick have expired.

There are on-going discussions, since the autumn 2016, with the promoters of the site to consider the possible re-uses of the site in keeping with the Limerick County Development Plan and the City Development Plan. It is not yet appropriate at this stage to consider the potential inclusion of this site within the derelict sites register.

**Signed: P. Daly,
Director of Services,
Economic Development**