

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
HOME AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT
METROPOLITAN DISTRICT MEETING TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2015**

Question submitted by Councillor Seighin O Ceallaigh

I will ask at the next meeting when is Cluid Housing Association expected to complete works on the buildings adjacent to Colbert Station and when is it expected that people will be housed in this project?

REPLY:

It is anticipated that, subject to legal title transfer and completion of competitive tender process, works should be complete and houses ready for occupation by Quarter 4, 2016.

**Caroline Curley,
Director of Service,
Home & Social Development.**

15th September, 2015.

Question submitted by Cmhrl. Séighin Ó Ceallaigh

“I will ask at the next meeting what is the current situation with Rathbane Golf Course, and do the Council intend promoting and funding the Golf Club for the foreseeable future?”

Reply:

Rathbane Golf Course is an 18 hole municipal golf course situated adjacent to Southill and Mount St. Oliver cemetery in Limerick. The course hosts Rathbane Golf Club, and also provides golfing opportunities to annual and pay-as-you-go clients, who are not members of Rathbane Golf Club.

In 2003 Limerick City Council entered into a contract for the operation and management of the course for a 5 year period with an option to extend for an additional 5 years. The latter option was exercised, in 2008 and the contract continued until 2013.

Between 2013 and March 2015 the Council undertook two tendering processes under the open procurement procedure with a view to engaging an operator for the course. Neither tender engendered a large amount of tender submissions, and neither resulted in a suitable candidate being appointed to operate the facility, and as a result the incumbent operator has been retained on a month by month basis.

The Council has recently tendered for the operation and management of the course under the negotiated procurement procedure, which allows for an element of flexibility in negotiating the terms and conditions of any contract. It is anticipated that the negotiated procedure will generate a higher level of interest from operators than has previously been achieved.

There are 3 phases to the negotiated procedure: a) identification of suitable qualified tenderers; b) an invitation to tender to number of qualified tenderers; c) a negotiation process to agree terms and conditions of any contract. The deadline for receipt of pre-qualification questionnaires (Phase 1) is 18 September, 2015, with tender documents due to issue to qualified candidates thereafter.

A key requirement for any incoming operator will be to promote and market the Course and to increase membership and usage of the Course, thereby generating income to re-invest in the upkeep of the facility.

The Home and Community, Culture and Sport Directorate will seek an adequate operational budget for Rathbane Golf Course as part of the annual budgetary process for 2016 and in subsequent years. In addition, funding will be sought as part of the Council's Multi-Annual Capital Programme to undertake upgrade works to the course and clubhouse. Where possible, advantage will be taken of exchequer grant funding e.g. Sports Capital Grants to assist with upgrade works on the course.

Josephine Cotter-Coughlan

Director of Service

Community, Leisure and Emergency Services

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL
MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT**

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Question submitted by Councillor Sean Lynch

I will ask at the next meeting if a permission/licence was granted by the Local Authority to remove, dispose of or store hazardous goods i.e. asbestos in the vicinity of the Dock Road, Limerick.

REPLY:

No authorisations have been issued by Limerick City and County Council in this regard.

The relevant authorisations for the movement of hazardous waste can only be issued to the relevant authorised waste collectors by the National TFS Office (Trans Frontier Shipments). This is under the remit of Dublin City Council.

The EPA is the relevant authority for the issue of waste licences which would cover the storage of hazardous waste.



**Kieran Lehane,
Director,
Environment & Water Services**

LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 21ST SEPTEMBER, 2015

Question submitted by Councillor Jerry O'Dea

"I will ask at the next meeting that the Council re-consider the creation of a one way traffic system at what is locally known as the Jail Boreen, linking Mulgrave Street and Roxborough Road, due to safety concerns expressed by residents".

REPLY

Roxborough Avenue Traffic Characteristics

Roxborough Avenue is a narrow residential road which links Roxborough Road (Regional Road R511) to Blackboy Road/Mulgrave Street (Regional Road R527).

The road is locally known as "Gaol Boreen". Thirteen residential properties are located on the road with provision for on street parking which is unregulated. One commercial vehicle access to H.S.E. property at St. Joseph's Hospital is also located on the road. The road has an average width of 5.0m and footpaths are available on one side of the road only.

Double yellow line parking prohibitions operate along almost the entirety of the road. These parking prohibitions are a statutory provision provided adjacent to Limerick Prison which fronts a significant part of the road. Very significant traffic congestion and disruption occurs along Roxborough Avenue and at its junctions with Roxborough Road and Mulgrave Street at peak periods.

One Way Proposal

The City & County Council have on a number of occasions proposed that Roxborough Avenue be converted into a one way street to operate in a Northbound direction from Roxborough Road to Mulgrave Street.

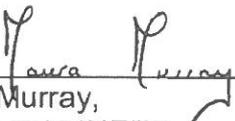
The purpose of this proposal is primary to relieve congestion along the roadway and at its junction with Roxborough Road and along Roxborough Road. However, the Council was unable to get the full support of residents to introduce this one way traffic proposal.

Against this background the City and County Council Traffic Department is of the view that consideration of this one way traffic proposal is again warranted at this time. The proposal would require a plebiscite of residents and property

owners to be undertaken and consultation with the Gardai as the traffic authority. Where 80% of residents or property owners or operators agree to the change then the project could be implemented within a few days.

The members should note that introduction of this one way traffic scheme would require the provision of traffic calming along the road. No additional parking would be made available as the Limerick Prison statutory parking provisions would remain. The estimated cost of the provision of this project is €5,000.

Signed:


pp Vincent Murray,
SENIOR ENGINEER,
TRAVEL & TRANSPORTATION

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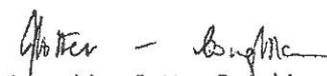
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