

CORRESPONDENCE

MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF ADARE-RATHKEALE

DECEMBER, 2017

- Letter received on 9th November, 2017 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in response to Motion from the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale regarding traffic calming at Kilcornan, Co. Limerick.
- Letter received on 14th November, 2017 from the Office of the Minister for Justice & Equality in response to Motion from the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale calling for additional garda resources to address the recent surge of crime in Askeaton.
- Letter received on 16th November, 2017 from the Chief Superintendent, An Garda Síochána in response to Motion from the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale calling for additional garda resources to address the recent surge of crime in Askeaton.
- Letter received on 17th November, 2017 from the Office of the Minister for Justice and Equality in response to Motion from the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale JPC Subcommittee for an advertising campaign warning of the risks of engaging with rogue traders and builders.
- Letter received on 20th November, 2017 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) in response to Motion from the Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale for modifications to the road markings on the N21.



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Dáta | Date

7 November 2017

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TII17-99468

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Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2017 regarding traffic calming measures at Kilcornan. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

I have made enquiries into the matter and understand that discussions are taking place between officials of TII and Limerick City and County Council regarding the proposed traffic calming measures at Kilcornan and it is anticipated that the design of the scheme will be finalised shortly.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,


Mark Byrne

Regulatory and Administration Unit

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Rep 0929152530

13 November 2017

Dear Mr O'Callaghan

I am directed by the Minister for Justice and Equality, Charles Flanagan T.D., to refer to your correspondence dated 29 September 2017 regarding the call for additional Garda resources in Askeaton.

As the Deputy will appreciate, it is the Garda Commissioner who is responsible for the distribution of resources, including personnel, among the various Garda Divisions and the Minister, has no direct role in the matter. Garda management keeps this distribution of resources under continual review in the context of crime trends and policing priorities so as to ensure that the optimum use is made of these resources.

The area referred to forms part of the Limerick Division and I am informed by the Commissioner that on the 30 September the latest date for which figures are readily available the strength of the Limerick Division was 554. There are also 31 Garda Reserves and 50 civilians attached to the Division. When appropriate, the work of local Gardaí is supported by a number of Garda national units such as the National Bureau of Criminal Investigation, the Garda National Economic Crime Bureau and the Garda National Drugs and Organised Crime Bureau.

I am further informed by the Commissioner that since the reopening of the Garda College in September 2014, close to 1,400 recruits have attested as members of An Garda Síochána and have been assigned to mainstream duties nationwide, 39 of whom have been assigned to the Limerick Division. In addition, another 200 trainee Garda are scheduled to attest later this year which will see Garda numbers, taking account of projected retirements, increase to around the 13,500 mark by year end - an increase of 500 since the end of 2016.

This Government is committed to ensuring a strong and visible police presence

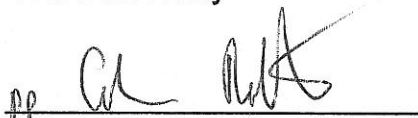
throughout the country in order to maintain and strengthen community engagement, provide reassurance to citizens and to deter crime. The substantial increase in Garda numbers is tangible progress on achieving this Government's vision of an overall Garda workforce of 21,000 personnel by 2021 comprising 15,000 Garda members, 2,000 Reserve members and 4,000 civilians.

I am pleased to say that Budget 2018 will support the continuation of this high level of investment in the Garda workforce and ensure that the vision of an overall workforce of 21,000 by 2021 remains on track. A further 800 new Garda Recruits will enter the Garda College, an additional 500 civilians will also be recruited to fill critical skills gaps across the organisation and to facilitate the redeployment of Gardaí from administrative and technical duties to front-line operational duties. There are plans to strengthen the Garda Reserve with new Reserves expected to commence training early in 2018.

This focus on investment in personnel is critical. The moratorium on recruitment introduced in 2010 resulted in a significant reduction in the strength of An Garda Síochána. We are now rebuilding the organisation and providing the Commissioner with the resources needed to deploy increasing numbers of Gardaí across every Garda Division, including the Limerick Division, in the coming years.

I hope this information is of assistance.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Alan McGreevey', is written over a horizontal line.

Alan McGreevey
Private Secretary to the
Minister of Justice and Equality

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Date – 15th November 2017

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Re: Notice of Motion at Municipal District of Adare-Rathkeale

Dear Tom,

I am in receipt of your correspondence of the 28th September 2017 in the above, the content of which is noted.

I have examined the crime figures for Askeaton for the year to date in 2017 compared to 2016 and there was 25 reported property crime in each of the years to date. While the volume of crime reported is the same for 2016 as 2017 there is a variance in the crime types with 9 minor assaults in 2017 compared to 5 in 2016 and 2 assaults causing harm compared to 1 in 2016. There were 13 criminal damage cases reported in 2017 compared to 4 in 2016 and there were 11 burglaries reported in 2017 compared to 2 in 2016. There were 12 theft from shops reported in 2016 compared to none in 2017.

The allocation of additional resources to the Askeaton sub-district is a matter that is kept firmly under review and that is based on a number of factors including population, crime statistics and other matters that may impact on the area. Given that Askeaton sub-district is within the Newcastle West District, this factor must also be taken into consideration to ensure the most efficient and effective use of resources.

Yours faithfully

D. Sheahan
Chief Superintendent



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16 November 2017

Minister's Reference: MIN/2017/634

Re: Advertising Campaign warning of the risks of engaging with rogue traders and builders

Dear Mr O'Callaghan,

I write to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13 November 2017.

Yours Sincerely,

Alan McGreevey
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Justice and Equality



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16 November 2017

TII17-99467

Dear Mr. O'Callaghan,

Thank you for your letter of 11 October 2017 regarding the N21. The position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

This section of the N21 is maintained on behalf of Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) by Colas Roadbridge Joint Venture, the Motorway Maintenance and Renewal Contractor (MMaRC). I wish to confirm that Colas Roadbridge JV has carried out modifications to the road markings in the area concerned.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Byrne

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