



Comhairle Cathrach
& Contae **Luimnigh**

Limerick City
& County Council

DATE: 28 December, 2018.

To the Mayor and Each Member of Limerick City and County Council

Chairperson's Report for the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee Meeting
of 3 December, 2018

Item 1: **Adoption of Minutes**

On the proposal of Cllr. Mitchell, seconded by Cllr. Pond, the minutes of the previous committee meeting held on the 8 October, 2018 were unanimously adopted.

Item 2: **Presentation on the Bikelink Bike Sharing Scheme – Mr Jarlath Gantly –
ECOTravel - Sustainable Travel Solutions.**

This item was deferred.

Item 3: **Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Pond**

“I will move at the next Meeting that on foot of the announcement by Edwards Lifesciences Corporation of six hundred (600) new jobs for the National Technology Park in Castletroy, Limerick City and County Council would, with Clare County Council, urgently progress the development of the Northern Distributor Road (NDR), a vital piece of infrastructure for the City and County”.

In proposing the Motion, Cllr Pond stated that increasing traffic levels at the National Technology Park need to be addressed. He continued to say that the NDR should be regarded as is a vital piece of infrastructure for the City and County.

In response, the Director of Service stated that the NDR is a critical piece of infrastructure for Limerick and Clare, to ensure that the growth targets set out for the region under the National Planning Framework 2040 are achieved. He assured the Members that the Local Authority is in regular communication with Clare County Council and with the Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport on the matter.

He advised that the first meeting with the recently appointed consultants for the Limerick-Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (L-SMATS) is scheduled for w/c 10 December, 2018. He acknowledged that the NDR was major element for the facilitation of the outcomes of the L-SMATS.

Cllr J Pond acknowledged the reply and stated that the Members of the SPC should receive a regular briefing on progress on the NDR.

Item 4: Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Pond

“I will move at the next Meeting that, following ongoing complaints about traffic noise from the M7 motorway affecting the quality of life of residents living in Cherryfield, Thornfield, Oakfield, Monaleen park, Kylemore, Evanwood, and Cairnsfort in Castletroy, Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) be requested to erect a high quality effective Sound Barrier along the Motorway to the above Housing Estates to reduce the Motorway noise to an acceptable level within these residential developments.”

In proposing the Motion, Cllr Pond stated that noise in these Estates is at serious levels, with residents complaining that the noise is disturbing sleep.

In responding, the Senior Executive Engineer stated that noise barriers may not fully alleviate noise levels affecting residents, and that other solutions may need to be examined. She stated that the recently adopted Noise Action Plan had identified these areas as noise hot spots, and that it is intended to carry out noise modelling in early 2019, which would allow the Council to recommend solutions to Transport Infrastructure Ireland.

Cllr Pond and the Members thanked Ms Goggin for her response.

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Chairperson of the Travel & Transportation Strategic Policy Committee