



## MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 10TH JUNE 2020

### Question submitted by Councillor Liam Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for (a) reason for the delay in works for Wards Cross and the Devon Road Cross.

### Reply:

#### (i) N21 Ward's Cross

N21 Wards Cross was identified as having a high collision rate under TII's HD15 Network Safety Analysis Process. Ward's Cross is the junction of the N21 national road with the L7091 local road. Mid West National Road Design Office have followed TII's procedure for considering HD15 sites and the necessary steps are broadly outlined below.

Following TII's identification of the site, it was further analysed by staff from Mid West National Road Design Office and a feasibility report was prepared recommending the installation of a right turn lane on the N21 at Ward's Cross. TII accepted the findings and recommendations of this feasibility report and approved for Limerick City and County Council to procure technical advisors to progress the design to the next stage of the process.

Following a procurement process, Barry Transportation were appointed as technical advisors to carry out a detailed design of the right turn lane at N21 Ward's Cross. To progress the detailed design a ground investigation and topographical survey have been carried out. These were subsequently procured and undertaken.

A number of design issues arose from retrofitting a right turn lane into an existing road layout. These issues included the carriageway alignment, the location of properties in the vicinity of the junction, the topography of the surrounding land, the existing road surface drainage and the presence of a water main. Many of these issues do not conform to current road design parameters and will require departure from standards from TII.

The technical consultants have worked to refine the design and remove as many departures from standards as possible by means of a workshop and consultations with the Road Design Office and TII Safety and Pavement sections. This process has been largely successful but a number of issues still require a departure from standards.

The issues of the surface water drainage and the water main required consultation with the Water Services Section of Limerick City and County Council and Irish Water.

Barry Transportation, have progressed the detailed design for the right turn lane and have produced design drawings and a cost estimate for the proposed works. These were submitted to TII for their comment and comments have been considered. We are endeavouring to finalise the design process and seek TII approval to proceed to preparation of tender documents. In order to complete the design process the following stages are required to be completed; Road Safety Audit, Departures Application, Preliminary Design Report and further consultations with Irish Water and investigations of the water main to inform the extent of diversion of the water main required.

**(ii) N21 Devon Cross**

Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) highlighted this junction as having potential safety issues under the TII HD17 Road Safety Inspection (RSI) Process. Two safety issues were identified as part of the RSI Process and the inspection team recommended feasibility stage solutions. Mid West National Road Design Office have followed the process for dealing with HD17 sites and this is described below.

Following identification and notification of the site by TII, staff from Mid West National Road Design Office (MWNRDO) carried out a further assessment of this location and the safety issues raised. MWNRDO recommended to TII that initial design stage solutions be advanced and that technical engineering consultancy services be procured to carry this out. TII approved funding for the appointment of these engineering consultancy services.

Following a procurement process, Barry Transportation were appointed to carry out initial design stage solutions for N21 Devon Cross and, subject to TII approval, a detailed design solution and tender stage services.

Barry Transportation progressed the initial design stage solutions and part of this process was to carry out a topographical survey and a traffic survey. These were subsequently procured and undertaken.

Following design development and workshops with TII and staff from Mid West National Road Design Office, Barry Transportation have submitted a feasibility report for the N21 Devon Cross junction and the report outlines three options that have been developed for the junction and recommends the option to create a staggered junction by realigning the local road north of the N21, the L7059 that commences at Buckley's Shop, to the east of Devon Cross.

This report has been submitted to TII for approval of the recommendation in the finalised feasibility report and allocation of the necessary funding. We are endeavouring to secure this funding to allow Barry Transportation to proceed with the detail design process and preparation of tender documents.



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Deirdre Clarke  
Executive Engineer  
Mid West National Road Design Office  
28<sup>th</sup> May 2020

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**  
**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST**  
**MEETING TO BE HELD ON Wednesday, 6th May, 2020**

**Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin**

I will ask at the next municipal meeting for the reason for the delay in works for Cryle View Estate junction entrance.

**Reply:**

The proposed works at the Cryle View estate are subject to approval and sanctioning of funding from TII. As previously noted, LCCC has submitted all necessary documentation to TII for consideration. It is expected that TII will revert in the coming weeks. Once approval is sanctioned , LCCC will proceed with the construction works as soon as is practicable.

**Signed** Trevor McKechnie, SEE  
**Date** 30.04.2020



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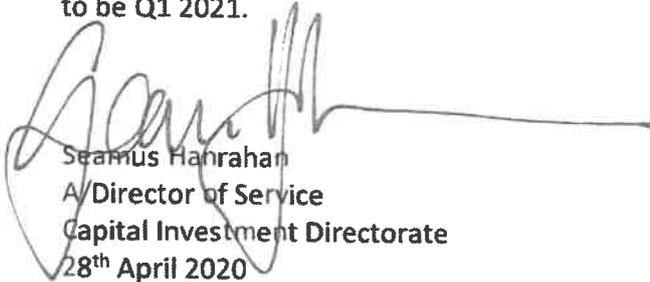
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**Question Submitted by Councillor L Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan with regard to road layout, traffic lights, additional parking, start dates for the works, overall cost of project and availability of funding.

**Reply:**

Works are progressing on the design of the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan. The pedestrian counts to determine the locations of pedestrian crossing points had to be deferred due to Covid-19. Drawings are being prepared for the additional parking to the rear of Main Street and discussions are ongoing with the owners of lands affected. The scheme will be presented to Councillors when the layout has been finalised and the scheme costs will be submitted to Transport Infrastructure Ireland for funding. The start date for the scheme is likely to be Q1 2021.



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I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on Colbert Terrace proposed housing development.

**Reply:**

The proposed housing development at Colbert Terrace, Abbeyfeale was revised following the Part 8 process with the proposed number of new units reduced from 6 no. to 3 no. This reduction in unit numbers impacts on the overall cost per unit and necessitates revised funding approval. Limerick City & County Council continue to engage with the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government on this scheme. Subject to revised funding approval this project is scheduled to progress to construction stage in Q4 2020.



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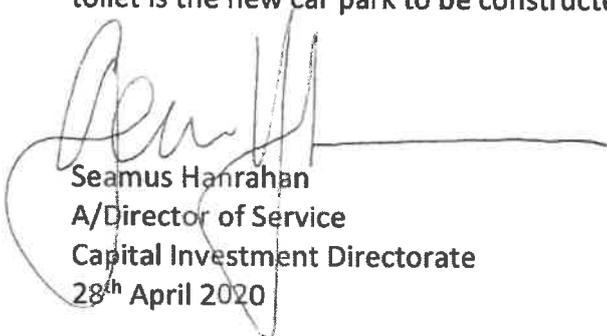
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**Question Submitted by Councillor L Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the proposed location of a public toilet for Abbeyfeale.

**Reply:**

The provision of civil works and services for the proposed public toilet in Abbeyfeale is included in the Abbeyfeale Traffic Management Plan. The proposed location of the public toilet is the new car park to be constructed at O'Riordan's.



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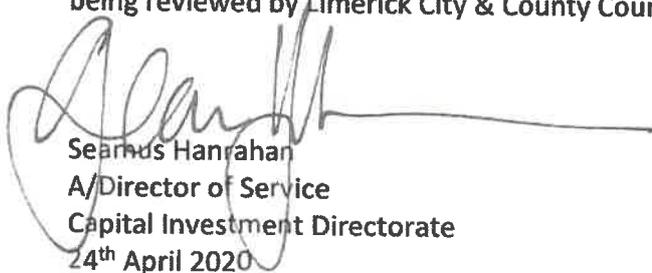
I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the proposed Local Authority housing development for Mountcollins.

**Reply:**

Limerick City & County Council submitted an application for funding to the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government (DHPLG) to construct 10 houses in Mountcollins in late 2017. The Department reviewed the submission but was not in a position to recommend approval of the proposed scheme citing issues related to lack of access to shops, services and public transport and low demand. Information on the application and response was issued to the Newcastle West Municipal District elected members on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019.

A further application for funding to construct 7 houses was issued in late 2019 on the basis that 3 houses had subsequently been purchased in Mountcollins.

The DHPLG have reviewed the proposal and have suggested an incremental build approach with 2-3 units in the first phase subject to further details being issues. This proposal is currently being reviewed by Limerick City & County Council.

  
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**Question submitted by Councillor Liam Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on the purchase of the remaining 12 houses at Cois na Feile, Clash Road, Abbeyfeale.

**Response to Question**

The properties identified at Nos. 1-10 Cois na Feile are currently being progressed through the Derelict Sites process by the Property & Community Facilities Department.

Unit Nos. 11 and 12 are being investigated by the Housing Development Department's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) programme to acquire and refurbish. Contact is being made with the Receiver of the two properties to enable a site inspection to understand the scope and cost of works required.

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