

**LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL**

**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY, 2020**

**Question submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting that (a) the open entrance to the green area onto the R522 from O'Connor Ardagh be retired in the interest of safety & b) that the Hay Shed and yard on the Southwestern side of the lands be made safe.

**REPLY TO PART A:**

The open entrance to the green area onto the R522 from O'Connor Park, Ardagh has been closed off.

**Gerard O'Connor  
Senior Executive Engineer  
Newcastle West Municipal District  
23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020**

## Limerick City and County Council

### Meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West 1<sup>st</sup> July 2020

#### Questions submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

1. I will ask at the next meeting if (a) the Council's title to the O'Connor Park land Ardagh is Absolute or does it contain restrictive clauses & b) what are the long term plans for these lands.
2. I will ask at the next Meeting that the hay shed and yard on the south-western side of the Council owned public green area at O'Connor Park, Ardagh be made safe.

#### Reply:

1. The Council own two areas of land on adjacent Folios at O'Connor Park. There are restrictions on the area of land (circa 1.2 acres) contained in Folio LK17786. This land is used and maintained as a Green Area in the Estate.  
There is a further circa. 1.6 Acres and it is planned to develop this land for Social Housing.
2. This area is in part of the land in the ownership of the Council and will be inspected in the coming days.

**Jayne Leahy,**  
**Head of Property & Community Facilities**

**Date: 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020**



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WEDNESDAY, 1<sup>ST</sup> JULY, 2020.**

**Question Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting what steps are being taken in terms of village renewal for Ardagh.

**REPLY**

The location of Ardagh on the Great Southern Greenway presents a significant opportunity for the village and it will benefit from the substantial upgrade works currently underway. In order to further harness this potential, Limerick City and County Council have purchased the old Ardagh Stationhouse and lands. Works to preserve the fabric of the building including a new roof will commence in 2020. The Council will discuss options for the use of the site with the elected members and community in the near future.

A key challenge facing Ardagh is the high level of derelict and vacant property in the village. Ardagh has been selected as one of 5 towns and villages in County Limerick that will benefit from a €2m project to address vacant and derelict property. This project will be funded by the Rural Regeneration & Development Fund with match funding from Limerick City and County Council.

**Gordon Daly,**  
**Director of Services,**  
**Community Development Directorate**  
**26<sup>th</sup> June 2020**

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**MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST**

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**Question submitted by Councillor M. Collins**

I will ask at the next Meeting (a) how many landowners were requested to cut back their hedgerows in the past 5 years (By year)in the Municipal District of Newcastle West. (b) how many replied and carried out the Council's request (c) from the landowners that didn't accede to the request what was the follow up (d) how many landowners were taken to court for not complying with the request and what was the result of the court proceedings

**REPLY:**

<b>Year</b>	<b>No. of Letters sent to landowners/occupiers regarding hedgecutting</b>	
<b>2019</b>	<b>445</b>	
<b>2018</b>	<b>445</b>	
<b>2017</b>	<b>445</b>	
<b>2016</b>	<b>445</b>	
<b>2015</b>	<b>445</b>	

(b) The majority of landowners/occupiers don't reply to the letter received but do cut their hedges. A maximum of approx. 20 -30 persons would contact the office on receipt of the letter each year.

(c) A notice is served on the landowner/occupier under the Roads Act 1993 Section 70 (2) (b) requiring them to undertake the felling, cutting, lopping, trimming and removal of such tree, shrub, hedge, or other vegetation within 14 days from the receipt of the notice. A person on whom a notice has been served may within 14 days from the date of service, appeal against the notice to the District Court. An owner or occupier who fails to comply with a notice under this section shall be guilty of an offence. Where an owner/occupier fails to comply, the Roads Authority may take the action specified in the notice or such other action as it thinks fit.

(d) No landowners/occupiers have been taken to court in the past 5 years for not complying with the Notice.

**Gerard O'Connor**

**Senior Executive Engineer, Newcastle West Municipal District, 23<sup>rd</sup> June, 2020**