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Comhairle Cathrach agus Contae Luimnigh,
Áras William Smith O'Brien,
Gortbui,
An Caisleán Nua Thiar,
Co. Luimnigh,

Newcastle West Municipal District,
Limerick City and County Council,
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7th January, 2021

**To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Municipal
District of Newcastle West**

**Roads Report in accordance with Section 38 of Roads Traffic Act 1994 as
amended by the Public Transportation Regulations Act 2009 (Section 41) Traffic
Calming Measures**

**Re: Prohibition of Vehicular Access to/from The Square, Newcastle West to
Nash's Lane, Newcastle West.**

A Chomhairloir, A chara,

Proposed Works

The proposed works involves the provision of a bollard at the Town Square access to Nash's Lane.

This proposal is to provide enhanced safety feature on this road which serves the Square and the Demesne/Aldi area.

Consultation Period

The plans and particulars went on public display for a period of one month from Thursday, 12th November, 2020, to Thursday, 10th December, 2020.

Submissions with regard to the proposed development

A total of 9 number submissions/observations were received and are listed below:

No.	Name	Address
1.	Mary Magner	Grange House, Newcastle West.
2.	Michael Noonan, Bank Manager, Bank of Ireland	Bank of Ireland, Newcastle West
3.	Seamus Hennessy	Church Street, Newcastle West (via email).
4.	Richard Nash	(via email).
5.	Elma Hanley	(via email).
6.	Frank Burke	Ashgrove Meats (via email).
7.	Anne McElligott, Consultant Planner on behalf of Marie McCarthy	Church Street, Newcastle West.
8.	Niall O'Connor	Church Street, Newcastle West.
9.	Seán Mac Mathúna	An Siopa Éisc, Sráid an Teampaill.

Submissions

1. Mary Magner

Objects to proposal and wants vehicular access retained.

Provision of bollard will obstruct access to right of way to her property resulting in additional travel time for deliveries/rubbish collection.

2. Michael Noonan, Bank Manager

Removing vehicular access will result in issues accessing the rear of the Banks premises.

3. Seamus Hennessy

Tenants utilize this route for deliveries, collection and staff access.

4. Richard Nash

Opposed to traffic restriction. Would prefer if bollard was at opposite end 60m away to allow Church Street residents and business access to the rear from Town Square.

5. Elma Hanley

Requests a zapper to lift bollard to access property from Square.

6. Frank Burke

Opposed to proposal considering he has a right of way.

7. Anne McElligott on behalf of Marie McCarthy

Welcomes pedestrianisation of Nash's Lane but requests a retractable bollard for medical and other essential reasons.

Vehicular access is required to rear of property.

8. Niall O'Connor

Objects to prohibition of vehicular access which will result in issues arising with access to rear of his premises.

9. Seán Mac Mathúna

Objects to proposal to prevent vehicular access.

Road Authority Comment on Submissions

The provision of a bollard at the Town Square end of Nash's Lane is to restrict vehicular access only. Pedestrian access will still be available.

The access to the rear of properties from the Town Square is predominately the main issue in all submissions.

Notwithstanding the provision of a bollard to prohibit vehicles, access to all properties will still be available by alternative means via Churchtown/Demesne area.

Recommendation

The absence of sightlines when entering the Square from Nash's Lane currently pose a serious Health and Safety risk.

Pedestrian/Vehicular conflict at this location endangers public safety by reason of a traffic hazard.

It is recommended that vehicular access be restricted at the Town Square side of Nash's Lane by provision of a bollard to mitigate the Health and Safety risk and to prevent vehicular/pedestrian conflict in the interests of road safety.

The making of a decision to provide traffic calming measures under Section 38 of 1994 Roads Act is a Reserved Function.

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Gerard O'Connor
Senior Executive Engineer
Municipal District of Newcastle West