

Consultation on CCTV Scheme along Canal Bank/Shannon Fields to UL Boathouse Smarter Travel Route



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Background

- In 2012 Limerick City was designated as one of three centres in Ireland to become Irelands First Smarter Travel Demonstration Areas.
- The flagship scheme of the Limerick Smarter Travel project was the Limerick Smarter Travel Route 2 which improves connectivity between Castletroy and The University of Limerick, with Corbally and Limerick city centre via the canal.
- The project involved the upgrade of an existing pathway along the City Canal and bank of the River Shannon. This shared walkway and cycleway now serves as a multi-purpose amenity for the city, Castletroy, the University of Limerick, Rhebogue and Corbally areas.
- After consultation with the public and other stakeholders , the scheme included the provision of CCTV cameras located at the main access points along the route to secure public order and safety on the route.
- There are currently 11 CCTV cameras along the route, but the majority have fallen into a state of disrepair since they were originally installed c. 2014.

Camera Locations



Incidents on the Route

- Over the years, there have been various incidents on the route which has highlighted the need for the CCTV cameras to secure public order and safety on the route:
 - *Limerick gardai investigate daytime sexual assault on woman by juveniles (Limerick Leader)*
 - *'Urgent action' needed to tackle youths gathering at Limerick walkway (breakingnews.ie)*
 - *Woman has four teeth knocked out during violent assault in Limerick (thejournal.ie)*
- It is now imperative to have all CCTV cameras on the route brought back to full operability and process all necessary approvals to allow for this CCTV scheme to be fully operational (recording only – not live monitoring).

Legislation

CCTV cameras capture the images of individuals and, accordingly, they process personal data. Under data protection law, the processing of personal data requires a legal basis.

Community based CCTV schemes have such a legal basis under Articles 6(1)(c) and Article 6(1)(e) GDPR in conjunction with section 38 of the Garda Síochána Act 2005.

Section 38 approval from An Garda Síochána may be given to any or all of the following:

- (a) members of the Garda Síochána;
- (b) persons who meet the established criteria and who are retained under a contract with the Garda Commissioner;
- (c) **persons who meet the established criteria and whose application for authorisation in respect of a specified area within the administrative area of a local authority has been approved by the local authority after consulting with the joint policing committee for that administrative area.**

Next Steps

- JPC Consultation (today)
- Local Authority Approval (Executive Function)
- AGS Section 38 Approval
- Upgrade CCTV system including addition of a number of cameras to reduce the number of 'blind spots' en-route.
- Joint Controller Agreement (LCCC with AGS)
- Upgrade CCTV signage on the route

Questions

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