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Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday 21st November 2022

Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask Limerick Metropolitan Council what is the timeframe for the design tender and construction of the new pedestrian bridge linking O'Callaghan Strand to Bishop Quay.

Reply:

The Preliminary Business Case for the URDF project Strand 3 Pedestrian Bridges & Waterfront Infrastructural Works will be submitted to the Department in May 2023 for review. Subject to approval a 5 year timeframe is envisaged for project delivery.

Nuala Gallagher

Director of Service

Planning, Environment & Place-Making

18th November 2022



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Question for a Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, November Meeting to be held on Monday 21st November 2022

REPLY TO QUESTION

Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask Limerick Metropolitan Council how many residential units are estimated to be built based on current pre planning discussions and planning approvals within the next two years.

Response:

Within Limerick City and Environs, 2,450 residential units have the benefit of planning permission, on sites where no development has commenced, there is an additional 373 residential units permitted within the wider Metropolitan area in settlements.

Within the Metropolitan District of Limerick, preplanning discussions have taken place for 2,582 residential units since **January 2021**.



Maria Woods

Senior Planner

16th November 2022



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Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when the management plan for the Westfield Wetland's will come before the Climate and Biodiversity SPC, what the estimated budgetary cost required for the implementation of said plan is and an indicative timeline for implementing the measures of the plan.

Reply:

The Westfield Management Plan is currently undergoing final drafting with work progressing on the Appropriate Assessment with a view to having all documentation available for presentation to the SPC in Spring 2023. An update on progress will be given to the Climate Action, Biodiversity and Environment SPC in December 2022.

The Masterplan is designed as a guidance document for the Council with regard to best practice maintenance and possible future developments at the wetlands. It will contain suggestions of possible enhancement works and guidance on the sources of funding which may be available to the Council to undertake works.

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a breakdown of the total budget allocated to tree trimming in the Metropolitan District for the years 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022.

Reply:

Details of expenditure on Tree Maintenance in the Metropolitan District for the years specified are set out below:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Metro Tree Maintenance</u>
2019	€61,740
2020	€42,000
2021	€76,000
2022	€47,000 Spend to date.

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Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the average wait time in the Metropolitan District Area for the payment of Mobility Aid, Housing Aid for Older People and Housing Adaptation Grants from Limerick City and County Council.

REPLY:

Once final inspection of the property has been carried out by the Technician and all paperwork has been submitted payment is issued in the following two weeks in line with accounts payable payment runs.

Caroline Curley

Caroline Curley
Director of Service, Housing

15th November 2022



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Limerick City and County Council
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**Metropolitan District of Limerick
Meeting to held on Monday, 21st November 2022**

Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Regeneration provide an update on what steps they are taking to relocate the Factory Youthspace Galvone within the Southside of Limerick.

The Regeneration Directorate are actively seeking new sports provision for the southside area. We are hoping to revert to the Councillors for the area with more detail in the near future, with a view to submission of a capital appraisal to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage.

**Brendan Troy,
Senior Executive Officer
Regeneration Directorate.**



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to be held on Monday, 21st November, 2022

Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the Council advise when works will start on the R512 Crossagalla under the bridge as the road is constantly flooded in the bad weather making it impassable and I was assured works would be commencing soon to sort this issue out.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council Roads Department is currently undertaking a 2022 Climate Change scheme named the Childers Road to Ballysimon Road Stormwater network assessment. The aim of this scheme is to alleviate flooding issues in the area including flooding on the R512 Crossagalla under the railway bridge near the Kilmallock Road roundabout. Some of these works include the cleaning and flushing of existing stormwater pipelines as well as undertaking a survey of the storm water network in the area which began earlier this year. This scheme is still in progress with the intention of the contractor to revisit site when available in the coming weeks and complete by the end of this year.

Once this scheme is completed the stormwater network will be reviewed if any further additional measures are required pending on budget availability.

Hugh McGrath
Senior Engineer
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
16th November 2022



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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the Council advise when 30km signs will be erected in Kennedy and Glasgow Park and Flanker Court.

Reply:

Kennedy Park, Glasgow Park and Flanker Court are considered as one enclosed residential area, which currently has a speed limit of 30 kilometres per hour under Jakes law. Vehicles can only enter or exit this 30kmph area from the Roxboro road. 30kmph signage is only required at the vehicular entry points to this zone which is currently in place at the two entry points to this residential area from Roxboro Road to the Galvone Road and Bawnmore road.

Hugh McGrath
Senior Engineer
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Playground Extension Project in Castleconnell.

Reply:

The Council is in the process of seeking quotations for Consultants to prepare a design for an extension to the Castleconnell playground. It is intended that a Consultant will be appointed by the end of the year

Nuala Gallagher

Director of Service

Planning, Environment & Place-Making

18th November 2022



Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the widening of the Golf Links Road by O'Shea's Pub and also an update on the proposed link road connecting Groody Road to Golf Links Road/Old School House Road.

Reply:

The Options Report for Golf Links Road to Kilbane Roundabout has been reviewed by the NTA and a Preferred Route has been selected. LCCC's consultants are progressing with Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessments, including Natura Impact Statement (NIS), ahead of submission of an application to An Bord Pleanála. There will also be a requirement to acquire some lands by CPO. This scheme is being managed by Active Travel.

Part VIII approval for the Proposed Upgrade of Golf Links Road Junction was passed at the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on 20th September 2021. Subsequently, Section 50 approval was sought from the OPW in September 2021. There are a number of landowners involved and we are proceeding to acquire the land by Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). The CPO is currently at final draft stage and we intend on issuing it shortly. Construction can progress only on confirmation of the CPO.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
16th November 2022

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 21ST NOVEMBER, 2022

Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if a full time park warden for the Castletroy Park has yet been appointed following the interview process given that the application process was closed on May 23rd, 2022.

REPLY:

Interviews were held in September 2022 which resulted in the formation of a panel which will be used by the Council to fill any future Park Ranger positions.

It is hoped to be in a position to fill this position shortly subject to sanction from the Department of Housing, Planning and Local Government.

**James Clune,
Head of Human Resources.**

18th November, 2022.

Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday 21st November, 2022.

Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the following information in relation to the delivery of affordable housing within our City and County

- I. How many staff posts were applied for to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for the establishment of our Affordable Housing Team.
- II. How many staff posts were approved by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for our Affordable Housing Team.
- III. How many units have been approved for funding under the Affordable Housing Fund.
- IV. What is the anticipated delivery date for our first affordable purchase housing scheme.
- V. At present have Limerick City and County Council funding applications with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage under the Affordable Housing Fund, if so please advise the number of units.

REPLY:

- I. In May 2022, Limerick City and County Council applied for 10 posts.
- II. In October 2022, the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage sanctioned 4 posts. A recruitment process is required to progress the posts sanctioned.
- III. 25 units have been approved so far under the Affordable Housing Fund with a further 348 affordable units approved in principle under the Serviced Sites Fund.
- IV. The anticipated delivery date for the first phase of the first scheme of affordable purchase scheme will be Q4 2023 with the last phase to be completed in Q3 2024.
- V. At present, there is one application with the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for decision for 9 affordable purchase units. Further applications are in progress as current staff resources permit.



Caroline Curley
Director of Service, Housing

16th November, 2022



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Question submitted by Councillor F. Kilcoyne

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can an update be provided about 2 small road edge suction vehicles that were supposed to be purchased by LCCC to clean the cycle lane and footpaths. I have not seen them in operation, Why ?

Reply:

Two small sweepers were purchased by Limerick City and County Council funded by the National Transport Authority (NTA). They are in operation and are deployed on approximately 60km of cycleways in the Metropolitan Area and are also in operation on numerous footpaths.

Hugh McGrath
Senior Engineer
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
14th November 2022



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what discussions have taken place with the NTA regarding the additional bus lane in O'Connell Street.

Reply:

The NTA has recently appointed specialised transport designers, Jarrett Walker & Associates to carry out the design works for BusConnects Limerick. They are currently undertaking a review of the existing bus network across the metropolitan area and developing initial drafts for the future bus networks which be based on Limerick Shannon Metropolitan Area Transport Strategy (LSMATS), land zoning and predicted demand areas. Indications from the NTA are that the LSMATS will be published by the end of November.

Limerick City and County Council will be fully engaged with the NTA in the review of the proposed draft routes. It must also be noted there will be full public consultation associated with BusConnects in Limerick.

Robert Gallagher
Senior Engineer
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
16th September 2022



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Director responsible could provide leaf cleaning schedule for the City area.

Reply:

The rate of leaf fall is heavily dependent on current weather conditions with larger falls of leaves occurring during windy conditions or following frosts. The use of a fixed schedule is not effective and a more reactive approach is required to maximise the benefits of leaf sweeping. Public roads are continuously assessed for leaf fall and to decide the assignment of available resources. The Council gives additional attention to areas where large amounts of leaf fall are a regular occurrence.

Hugh McGrath
Senior Engineer
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
16th November 2022



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Novak Uí Chonchúir

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the commitment given to my motion on litter bin tagging system in 2020, in particularly for the update on the options that were planned to be considered [*including a tagging system that will improve the current service by providing appropriate information that will inform the delivery of a more efficient litter bin service for the Metropolitan area*].

Reply:

While a QR code system would allow the public to scan a QR code and report any issues they may encounter, telemetry fitted to litter bins provides better and real time information. The Council's CRM system remains an option for any member of the public wishing to make a complaint about any litter bin. Following the previous notice of motion, the inclusion of telemetry was incorporated into the procurement of solar powered compacting bins. This telemetry informs the Cleansing Team when a bin is full or has been emptied. It assists in making the servicing of litter bins more efficient. To date 76 solar bins with this technology have been fitted, 6 of these are part of the O'Connell Street refurbishment and a further 24 solar bins will be installed on O'Connell Street when the project is completed. As more solar powered bins are installed in future, they will also have the technology to provide real time information to the Cleansing Team.

Hugh McGrath
Senior Engineer
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on when benches will be installed in Vartry Field.

Reply:

At present there are no plans to install benches in the Vartry Field. Any proposals to install benches at Vartry Field would require consultation with local residents.

Nuala Gallagher

Director of Service

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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a detailed update of the landscaping scheme for the O'Connell Street revitalisation project including where and when trees will be added to the scheme.

Reply:

Please find attached drawing C-008 showing the planting schedule for the scheme and the locations of all proposed raised and long planters and tree pits. There are twenty four raised box planters within the scheme, there are four long planters on the scheme at the four corners of the Thomas St / Bedford Row junction and there are five tree pits on the scheme, three outside the former Debenhams and two outside AIB.

There are three species of tree specified on the scheme include Fastigate Hornbeam, Field Maple and Multi-stem Birch. The five tree pits referenced above (three outside the former Debenhams and two outside AIB) will be planted with Fastigate Hornbeam. Field Maples will be planted in the three box planters in the northwest corner of the scheme outside Burger King and in the three raised planter boxes outside Starbucks. Multi-stem Birch will be planted in four groups of three in the raised planter boxes on the four corners of the Roches St / Shannon St junction. The remainder of the raised and long planters will be planted with a variety of bulbs, shrubs and grasses.

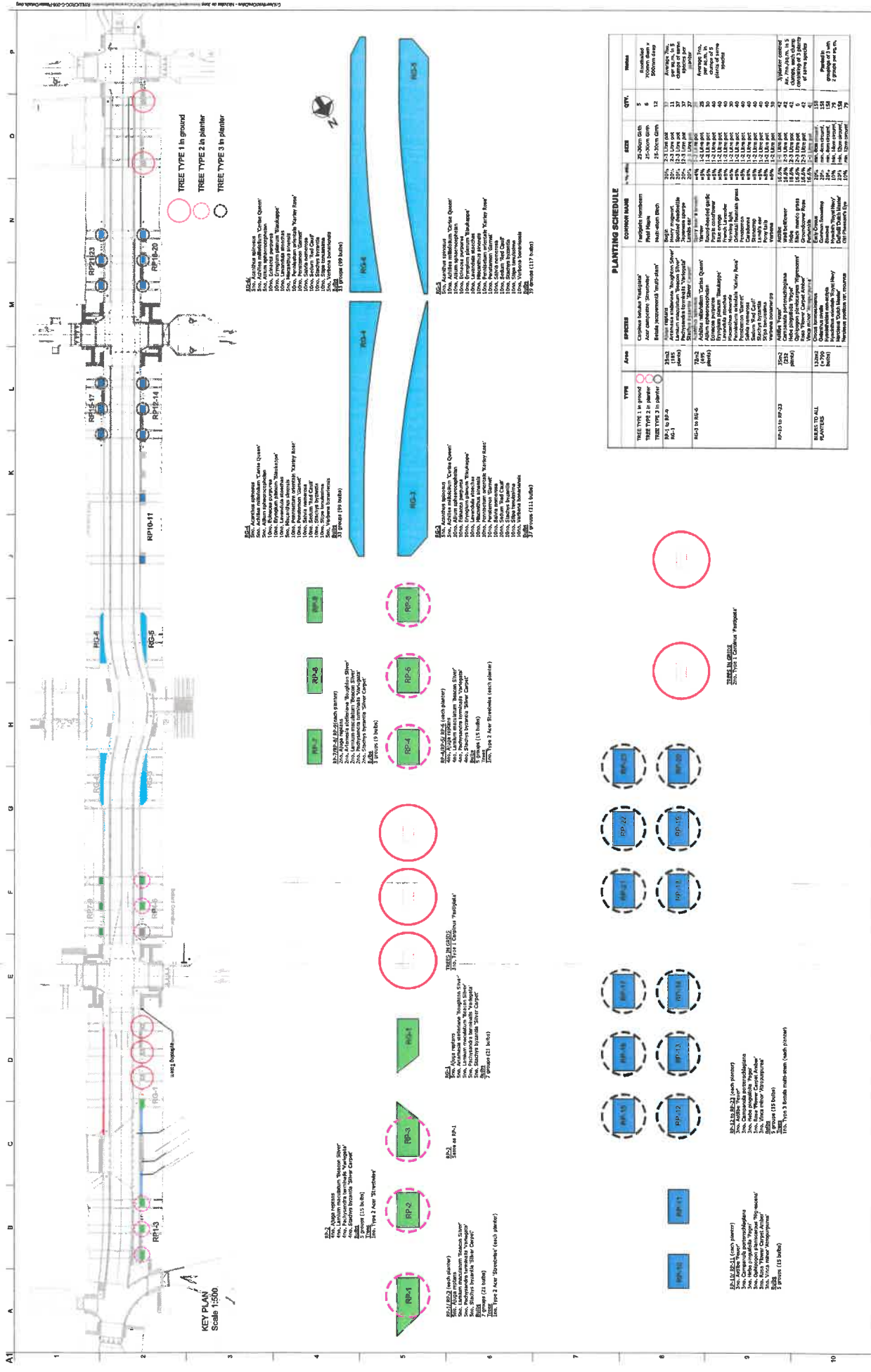
Planting works will be undertaken by the Contractor on the site on Thomas St and on O'Connell St in the area outside Timberland, Savins and Hunters before the end of this year. Planting to all other locations will take place in Q1 2023.

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PLANTING SCHEDULE

TYPE	Area	SPECIES	COMMENTS	Planting Rate	Quantity	Notes
TREE TYPE 1 in ground	RP1 to RP10	25m, Acer palmatum 'Nigra'	100% (11 tubs)	2500 per 1000m²	6	100% (11 tubs)
TREE TYPE 2 in planter	RP1 to RP10	25m, Acer palmatum 'Nigra'	100% (11 tubs)	2500 per 1000m²	12	Average 25m, 100% (11 tubs)
TREE TYPE 3 in planter	RP1 to RP10	25m, Acer palmatum 'Nigra'	100% (11 tubs)	2500 per 1000m²	27	Average 25m, 100% (11 tubs)
RP1 to RP2	25m, Acer palmatum 'Nigra'	100% (11 tubs)	2500 per 1000m²	12	100% (11 tubs)	
RP3 to RP4	25m, Acer palmatum 'Nigra'	100% (11 tubs)	2500 per 1000m²	12	100% (11 tubs)	
RP5 to RP6	25m, Acer palmatum 'Nigra'	100% (11 tubs)	2500 per 1000m²	12	100% (11 tubs)	
RP7 to RP8	25m, Acer palmatum 'Nigra'	100% (11 tubs)	2500 per 1000m²	12	100% (11 tubs)	
RP9 to RP10	25m, Acer palmatum 'Nigra'	100% (11 tubs)	2500 per 1000m²	12	100% (11 tubs)	
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National Traffic Assessment

Transport Planning Group 1

Planning Detail
Construction
25/07/2020

NOTES:

- This Drawing is to be used by Contractors with a Contract Reference 1. Subsequent Drawings are to be coordinated as follows only.
- This Drawing is to be used for the Design Element Identification. All other information shown on the Drawing is to be coordinated as follows only.
- All Works shall be confirmed by the Employer's Representative prior to Commencement of Work.
- The Employer's Representative shall be notified by the Contractor of any Errors or Omissions.

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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a date for when the fencing will be removed on Parnell Street and Hartstonge Street which has been there for over a year as the fencing is causing obstructions to footpaths.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council Road's Department has installed fencing and closed off footpaths to properties that are currently considered as dangerous structures on Parnell Street and Hartstonge Street as requested by the Environmental Department. These areas will continue to remain closed until advised otherwise. The following is the current update recently received from the Environmental Department:

Dangerous Structure at 10 Hartstonge Street.

A Local Government (Sanitary Services) Section 3 notice has been issued to the alleged owner. There has been no substantive engagement by the owner with LCCC to date. The Derelict Sites team has issued a Derelict Sites Section 15 to compulsory purchase the property. The alleged owner has appealed the order to An Bord Pleanála. The Council is currently awaiting an outcome of this appeal.

Dangerous Structure at Parnell Street.

A Local Government (Sanitary Services) Section 3 notice has been issued to the alleged owner. Planning was granted on 25/05/2022 for development subsequent to the notice being issued. The property is currently on the Derelict Sites Register with levies mounting. A further Local Government (Sanitary Services) Section 3 notice is due to be issued to the owner requiring them to remove hazardous roof which will thereafter allow for removal of the Heras fencing.

Hugh McGrath
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I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a progress update on the Construction program for the proposed new distributor road linking the Golf Links Road, with the Kilbane Roundabout on the Groody Road. The construction of this new Link Road is urgent given that the new Secondary School will open in September 2023 to serve the wider Castletroy catchment.

Reply:

The Options Report for Golf Links Road to Kilbane Roundabout has been reviewed by the NTA and a Preferred Route has been selected. LCCC's consultants are progressing with Preliminary Design and Environmental Assessments, including Natura Impact Statement (NIS), ahead of submission of an application to An Bord Pleanála. There will also be a requirement to acquire some lands by CPO. This scheme is managed by Active Travel.

Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
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Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the approved Road Widening and Bridge Upgrade Works at the Junction of Golf Links Road L1116 and the Old Ballysimon Road L1171. As Part 8 Planning has already been approved by the Members for this road, I am requesting an update on when the improvements works will commence on site and how long it will take to complete the scheme and if it anticipated that it will be completed during 2023.

Reply:

Part VIII approval for the Proposed Upgrade of Golf Links Road Junction was passed at the Monthly Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick on 20th September 2021. Subsequently, Section 50 approval was sought from the OPW in September 2021. There are a number of landowners involved and we are proceeding to acquire the land by Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO). The CPO is currently at final draft stage and we intend on issuing it shortly. Construction can progress only on confirmation of the CPO.

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