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Metropolitan District of Limerick
Meeting held on Wednesday, 7th December 2022

Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what stage the Orchard Site development on Kings Island is at in relation to the Department of Housing 5 Stage approval process and the estimated timeline in relation to the commencement of construction.

The proposed residential development of the Orchard Site is currently approved to tender stage and tender documentation is being completed for same. In advance of progressing tender and construction processes for the main development, the Local Authority is separately procuring an advance site excavation contract to de-risk and resolve the sites archaeological potential. This advance contract is expected to be ongoing across the first quarter of 2023. Commencement of the main development contract is expected to follow through the ensuing summer months.

Brendan Troy,
Senior Executive Officer
Regeneration Directorate.



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to be held on Monday, 12th December, 2022

Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that the Council provide an update on the Dublin Road Bus Corridor.

Reply:

Consultants have been appointed to develop options for a scheme to incorporate dedicated bus facilities between the National Technology Park (NTP) the University of Limerick (UL) to the City Centre. The first phase of this scheme is between the NTP and UL, up to and including the Parkway Roundabout.

An initial draft options report for first phase has been developed and is currently with the National Transport Authority (NTA) for review and comment. Active travel will organise a briefing session with Councillors following review.

It should be noted that the final adaption of all bus routes considered for the metropolitan district, including this route, will be subject to confirmation and approval following full public consultation as part of the Limerick BusConnects process, due to commence in the New Year.

Sean McGlynn
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I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if a funding application has been submitted as committed earlier this year to the NTA for the Ahane Road Upgrade, where we have a primary school with just under 200 children on the roll and a Catholic church that hosts weekly Masses, as well as weddings, christenings, funerals, and if there are any plans to progress this scheme in 2023.

Reply:

The Metropolitan District has included a project including Additional Safety Measures, Junction and Traffic Calming at Ahane School in its list of proposed projects under the Junction Tightening/ Pedestrian Crossings funding stream for 2023.

Grants for 2023 will be announced in the New Year and the final approved projects will be circulated to members.

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I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the continuation of the footpath linking the rest of Peafield Road to Ballysimon Road is included in next year's programme of works as this is the last piece of the jigsaw in completing the safe walking infrastructure on that road.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council Roads Maintenance and Active Travel Departments have reviewed the possibility of extending the existing footpath from Peafield Road to Morrison's on the Ballysimon Road and both have agreed that a continuous footpath would be extremely challenging to achieve in a short time-frame and would not be a feasible scheme to put forward for 2023.

To install a new footpath along this route, the widening of three existing structures would be required i.e. an existing stone bridge that runs over a live watercourse, an under pass bridge that runs under the N24 National Road and under pass bridge with supporting walls that runs under the existing Colbert station to Limerick Junction railway line. There is also substantial land take required, significant third party engagement, impacts to a national road, impacts to a main railway line and an extensive Part 8 planning process with screening assessments to consider.

This would not be a scheme that the Council's Roads Operations could consider due to the reservations outlined above. A feasibility and options assessment could be considered by Active Travel to determine if the viability of a significant capital investment scheme could be considered in this area in the future.

Hugh McGrath
Senior Engineer
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I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if a safety audit can be carried out at the pedestrian crossing on the Bloodmill Road as cars are failing to stop when pedestrians are trying to cross, and the situation is becoming quite dangerous and traffic lights would be more suitable at this location.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council's Traffic Department are satisfied that this pedestrian crossing on Bloodmill Road meets all regulatory requirements with regards to advanced warning signage and warning signs mounted on the Zebra Pole below the Belisha Beacon and above the Flashing Laps.

Flashing lamps are installed on both approaches, road markings are in place and paths footways are in tolerance for disabled access to Singland Neighbourhood Centre, Castletroy View. A speed traffic survey was also recently carried out in the area by the Roads Maintenance Team in this area and the V85 (the design target 85th percentile speed) was found to be under the existing 50kmph speed limit. However the Limerick City and County Council Roads Department will carry out a further survey of this crossing and will consider improvements if required subject to budget availability.

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I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick as to when will the Bloodmill Road be opened to link with Castletroy and what are the detailed plans for this road.

Reply:

The Council is awaiting a determination from An Bord Pleanála as to whether the Bloodmill Road Extension Scheme would require the preparation and submission of an Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Statement (NIS). This determination is required in order to progress the planning of the scheme.

Feedback is expected from An Bord Pleanála shortly and this will determine the planning process for the scheme. If An Bord Pleanála determine that a Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is not required, the Part VIII process can commence at the start of next year. In this instance, the Council would expect to bring the Part VIII scheme to the Metropolitan MD for determination and, subject to approval, proceed to construction of the scheme in Summer 2023, with an Autumn opening of the link to the Castletroy area. Drawings and particulars of the scheme will be presented during the planning consultation mentioned above.

It should be noted that if An Bord Pleanála determine that an Appropriate Assessment Natura Impact Statement (NIS) is required for the scheme, the planning process and the subsequent construction of the road, is likely to have a longer timeframe.

Robert Gallagher
Senior Engineer
Transportation and Mobility Directorate
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I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick whether table top speed ramps can be erected on the Bloodmill Road outside Glenbrook, Carn na Ri and the new housing development to stop cars speeding in the area.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council Roads Department has reviewed the planning application for the new Formation Homes development on the Bloodmill Road. A raised traffic calming table top is planned on the Bloodmill Road at the entrance to this estate. A speed traffic survey was also recently carried out by the Roads Maintenance Team in this area and the V85 (the design target 85th percentile speed) was found to be within the parameters of the existing 50kmph speed limit.

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**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 12th
DECEMBER, 2022.**

Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the taking in charge of the Meadow's Estate in Lower Park given necessary to bring the estate up to taking in charge standard was completed in 2021.

REPLY:

The Meadows is on the list of estates for Taking in Charge. Works were carried out in 2021 to a portion of the road. An updated report on roads and services will be requested and a report will be compiled in relation to Water Services in Q1 2023. Subject to funding, taking in charge works will commence thereafter.

Nuala Gallagher

Director of Service

Planning, Environment and Place-Making

9th December, 2022

METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 12TH DECEMBER, 2022

Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many hard copies of the bin waiver form have been requested from Customer Service in the last 2 weeks.

REPLY:

There have been 1286 requests for applications to be sent out up to Wednesday, 7th December, 2022.

Signed : Valerie Kelly, Senior Staff Officer, Customer Services

Date: 08/12/2022