

CORRESPONDENCE

MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

20TH NOVEMBER, 2023

- Letters dated 16th and 25th October, 2023 from the Department of the Environment, Climate and Communications in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that a sign with an eircode be put at all parks, playgrounds and public amenities in the Council's charge to aid location for the public.
- Letter dated 17th October, 2023 from the Office of the Minister for Education in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that the Council writes to the Minister for Education to ask her to ensure that a bus service is provided for children attending the Limerick Educate Together Secondary School who are eligible but currently without a school bus place.
- Letter dated 27th October, 2023 from the Office of the Minister for Justice in reply to Notice of Motion from Members to write to Minister for Justice, Helen McEntee and ask that she remove disbanding community policing from the Garda Commissioners working hours plan.
- Email dated 31st October, 2023 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that the Council engage with the National Transport Authority and Transport Infrastructure Ireland to consider an active travel link between Mungret Village and Clarina Village.

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Department of the Environment,
Climate and Communications



16 October, 2023

Mr. Mark Leahy
Meetings Administrator
Limerick city & Co. Council
Corporate Headquarters
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Limerick
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On behalf of the Private Secretary to the Secretary General, I wish to acknowledge receipt of your correspondence dated 13th October, 2023.

The contents of your correspondence will be brought to the attention of Secretary General, Oonagh Buckley.

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Ann Shaw
Secretariat

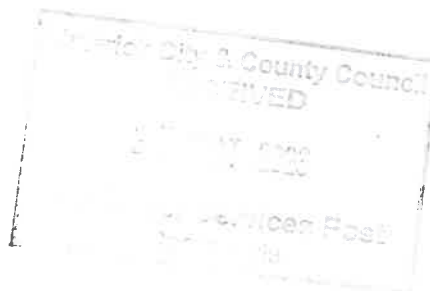


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Department of the Environment,
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25th October 2023

Mr. Mark Leahy
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Dear Mr. Leahy,

Many thanks for your letter in relation to the assignment of Eircodes to public amenities.

Capita Business Support Services Ireland, trading as Eircode, assigns Eircodes to new property addresses using a valid postal address and verified geo-locations. An Post collects information on all new and existing buildings, as well as changes to existing addresses and Tailte Éireann (formerly Ordnance Survey Ireland) solely provide the geo-locations (latitude and longitude) for all these buildings. An Post GeoDirectory (APG), a subsidiary company of An Post and Tailte Éireann, issue a new release of database files monthly to Capita in accordance with their revised licence agreement.

In order for an Eircode to be assigned to a location the property must be in receipt of post and the following 3 core elements must be included in the An Post Database as part of the address -

- at least 2 lines of the postal address,
- a principal post town, and
- geographic coordinates.

The Council may be interested to learn that in October 2017 a new emergency mobile phone location service was launched that greatly assists the emergency services in determining the location of people in need that call 999 or 112. The Advanced Mobile Location (AML) is available on both Android and Apple devices and works by using a phone's location capabilities to try and determine the caller's location. The phone sends the location in the background by way of a text message to the Emergency Call Answering Service when an emergency call is made. The co-ordinates are available to the emergency services in responding and dispatching emergency personnel to callers in need across



Ireland. Approximately 65% of emergency calls from mobile devices have AML data and it is of vital assistance to Emergency Services.

In addition to this, since March 2018 under EU law all new models of cars sold must be equipped with eCall technology. eCall is an emergency call generated either manually by the occupants inside the car by pushing a button or automatically through activation of sensors inside the car following a crash. When activated in Ireland, the in-vehicle eCall device will establish an emergency call carrying both voice and data directly to the Emergency Call Answering Service who will transfer the call to the required emergency service. Where no voice is heard on the call, the call is transferred directly to the National Ambulance Service by the Emergency Call Answering Service and the location data is shared.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require further details, please do not hesitate to contact me again.

Yours Sincerely

Dan Lawlor

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17th October 2023

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Our Ref: DES-CU-04096-2023

Dear Mr. Leahy

I wish to refer to your correspondence to the Minister for Education, Ms. Norma Foley TD in relation to a bus service for children attending Limerick Educate Together Secondary School.

The School Transport Scheme is a significant operation managed by Bus Éireann on behalf of the Department of Education. In the 2022/2023 school year, over 149,000 children, including over 18,000 children with special educational needs, were transported on a daily basis to primary and post-primary schools throughout the country.

There was an increase of 21% in tickets issued to eligible students and an increase of 38% in tickets issued on a concessionary basis in the 2022/23 school year compared to the 2021/22 school year.

In addition, school transport scheme services were provided for over 5,400 children who have arrived to Ireland from Ukraine.

The total cost of the scheme in 2022 was €338.9m.

Already over 132,000 tickets have issued for the 2023/2024 school year which is an increase of 12% when compared with the same time last year. This number of tickets has already exceeded the total number of tickets issued in the 2022/23 school year.

With regard to school transport applications for transport to Limerick Educate Together Secondary School, given that the distance from home to school has been queried by a number of families in the area, the Department requested Bus Éireann to review the



distance involved for these families to assess their eligibility under the terms of the Post Primary School Transport Scheme. Families will be contacted directly by Bus Éireann in regard to their individual applications.

Yours sincerely

Stephen O'Brien
Private Secretary

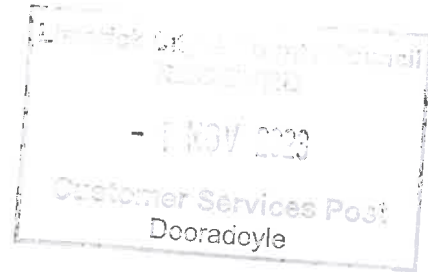


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Mr. Mark Leahy

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27th October 2023



Minister's Reference: DJE-MO-09581-2023

Dear Mr. Leahy,

On behalf of the Minister for Justice, I wish to acknowledge receipt and thank you for your correspondence dated 27th October 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Emma McHugh

Emma McHugh
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Justice

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Dear Mr. Leahy,

Thank you for your correspondence of 21 September 2023 regarding the above. Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII's) position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

TII's National Roads Capital Programme includes a programme of road projects and safety schemes which provide for active travel interventions, as well as standalone active travel projects.

TII does not currently have a standalone Active Travel scheme at the location on the N69 to which you refer. However, two schemes of relevance are currently being progressed in conjunction with TII Safety. The N69 Bolands Cross Road Safety Improvement Scheme will address safety issues at the junction of the N69 with the L1403. It involves carriageway narrowing, landscaping, foot/cycle path and pedestrian crossings. The second project, the N69 Clarina Walkway, will provide a rural active travel facility to link the village with outlying centres of housing and school.

In order for TII to consider an Active Travel link between the villages of Clarina to Mungret along the N69, Limerick County Council as the road authority, are required to engage with the Midwest Roads Design Office to carry out an initial assessment of the rationale for the proposal and, if appropriate, submit a request to TII for the provision of funds. This would then be assessed for feasibility and prioritisation against all other applications for funding.

For proposals impacting a national road where funding is being provided elsewhere than via TII, there is a requirement to consult with TII and to comply with TII publications.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Cahill
Regulatory & Administration Executive
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