



LIMERICK CITY AND COUNTY COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST

MEETING TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6th December 2023

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will move at the next Meeting that a speed ramp be put in place at the village side of the bridge in Athea.

REPLY:

A contractor has been procured to carry out these works and we expect the ramp to be in place prior to Christmas 2023.

John Sheehan
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I will move at the next Meeting that the ditch be removed and replaced with post and rail on the right hand side to improve this dangerous junction coming from the L7091 connecting to L7092 Dromtrasna road.

REPLY:

This will be considered as part of the 2024 Municipal District works. The fence type will have to be in compliance with the new TII standards.

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

I will move at the next Meeting that the laneway which connects Bishop Street with the Desmond Complex to be upgraded with proper drainage and resurfacing. This is at the side of the Courtenay primary school and is used by a large number of people going to the Desmond crèche and Desmond complex. It is very slippery and dangerous.

REPLY:

The intention of Limerick City and County Council is to take this area in charge and works to solve these issues are planned for early 2024.

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I will move at the next Meeting that what steps are the council taking to provide parking in Newcastle West. We have recently lost 25 car park spaces in Aldi car park. Going from 105 spaces from what they got in the original planning permission, this is reduced down to about 80. Also we have lost parking in other parts so of Town. Dooley's new supermarket extension. It is incumbent on the Council to provide adequate parking within walking distnace of the town centre. The new draft public realm plans, also show a reduction of car parking in the Square.

REPLY:

In conjunction with the public realm plan Limerick City and County Council can look at alternative parking arrangements and consider options available to them. The Municipal District office will be working with the local Community Groups and Businesses in cooperation with the Economic Development Department over the coming months on developing a public realm plan for the town.

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Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Sheahan

I will move at the next Meeting that Limerick City and County Council carry out a Road Safety audit on the R523 from The Pike Ardagh to the Kerry bounds, specifically speeding through the villages and the following areas **(a)** The Commons Ardagh, **(b)** Glenagore, Athea to Athea village and **(c)** Athea Village to the Kerry County Bounds. This audit should look at speed limit reductions, driver feedback signs and average speed cameras.

REPLY:

A road safety audit will likely not comment on the speed limit of any section of road as there is a legislative process which must be followed and would be outside the ultimate control of the Road Safety Auditor/ Local Authority to approve.

For speed limit appeals the Speed Limit Appeals Procedure, sets out the mandatory procedure that must be utilised by a Roads Authority or National Panel when a member of the public or other interested party raises an objection to a specific speed limit contained within a Local Authority's current Special Speed Limit Bye-laws. Appeals are processed in line with the procedure and any decision with respect to any appeal will be made in line with The Speed Limit Guidelines. We are aware that the Department are in the process of reviewing the national guidance with respect to speed limits and following recent correspondence from the Department of Transport, Local authorities are due to provide a briefing with respect to the timeline and potential changes in this guidance.

Currently there is no legislation with respect to the introduction of average speed cameras on National, Regional or Local roads. We are aware that TII are currently examining the legislation

with the view of the introduction of average speed cameras in national roads. The N21 is being considered by the TII as a potential location for a trial for average speed cameras if introduced, however this has to be decided by the TII.

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