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## **METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK**

**MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 15<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2024**

### **Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Limerick City and County Council erect a plaque in the memory of the late Joe Drennan who lost his life as a result of a hit and run on the Dublin Road Castletroy Limerick (plaque to be erected on the spot where Mr Drennan lost his life).

### **REPLY:**

Any proposal for the erection of a Civic Memorial such as the erection of a plaque, will entail the completion of a Civic Memorial Application Form which is then submitted for consideration and approval by the Councils Civic Memorial & Public Art Technical Committee. Other factors to be considered include the funding available for any proposed Civic Memorial, planning approval if applicable, and the possible consent of the landowner to the erection of a Civic Memorial.

**Laura Flannery,  
Senior Executive Officer,  
Corporate Services, Governance and Customer Services.**

10th January, 2024.

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### Question submitted by Councillor J.Pond

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick whether Limerick City and County Council and Bus Éireann are considering the relocation of the bus stop located on the Dublin Road, Castletroy where student Joe Drennan lost his life to a hit and run accident.

### REPLY:

We are not aware of any Bus Éireann plans to relocate this particular bus stop. However, Active Travel are considering the inclusion of this bus stop as part of the 2024 Bus Shelter Enabling Works Programme which requires approval from the National Transport Authority. As part of the proposed works, a concrete footpath build-out is being considered along with the installation of a new bus shelter.

*John O'Callaghan*

John O'Callaghan, Executive Engineer, Active Travel  
9th January 2024



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## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can Active Travel liaise with the Roads Department regarding the installation of a yellow box from Childers Road into Janesboro (Colbert Avenue side) as drivers are finding it very difficult to exit since cycle lanes have been installed.

### Response:

The works on Childers Road are ongoing and will be completed in the coming months. It is the intention to reinstate and upgrade all road markings as part of the works over the coming weeks.

Dan Slavin, A/S.E.E.,  
Active Travel,  
Transportation & Mobility directorate  
11th January 2024



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**Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many rightsizing schemes will be available in Limerick in 2024 and can they be listed by area and date they will be available.

**REPLY:**

The following Private Rightsizing Schemes will be available in Limerick Metro in 2024

Area	Private Rightsizing Scheme	Available
Limerick City East	Brú na Gruadán, Castletroy (Phase 1 & 2)	Quarter 1, 2024
Limerick City North	Clonmacken, Condell Road	Quarter 2, 2024
Limerick City East	The Mills, Castletroy	Quarter 4, 2024
Limerick City North	Knockhill, Ennis Road	Quarter 4, 2024

We will keep Councillors informed of all Private Rightsizing Schemes in advance of advertisement.

Sarah Newell  
Senior Executive Officer  
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction  
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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 the cleaning schedule for Newenham Street, Davis Street and O'Connell Avenue and request that these streets be cleaned at least once a week.

### Response:

A large road sweeper services Newenham Street, Davis Street and O'Connell Avenue every morning. Litter bins on these streets are emptied on a daily basis. A staff member is assigned to litter pick on Newenham Street and Davis Street and other adjacent areas on a daily basis. In addition, as needs require for example to remove fallen leaves or in response to customer complaints, a small sweeper is assigned to O'Connell Avenue.

Liam Browne, S.E.,  
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing  
Transportation & Mobility directorate  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2024



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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 water quality testing at Loughmore Canal.

**REPLY:**

Please find attached a copy of an update report dated 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2023.

**Aidan Finn**  
**Senior Engineer**

**11<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**



**FROM:** Arlene Mellett, SEE

**TO:** File

**DATE:** 23rd December 2023

**RE:** Loughmore Canal - Investigation Progress Report 2023

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#### **BACKGROUND**

A complaint was received in the Environmental Enforcement Section of Limerick City and County Council (LCCC) in June 2021. The complaint related to a suspected pollution event from the storm sewer outfalling to the Loughmore Canal. The complaint raised concerns about discharges to the Loughmore canal from the storm sewer with particular concern about grey discharge, the possible presence of hydrocarbons and intervals where large volumes were discharging to the canal. In response, LCCC initiated an investigation into this complaint as required under the terms of reference of the Local Government (Water Pollution) Act, 1977.

The Loughmore canal is located in the southwest suburb of Limerick within Loughmore Common. It was constructed by Limerick County Council circa 1970 to facilitate the development of the Raheen Business Park as a means of transferring storm water. This drainage system from the Raheen Business Park facilitates drainage from a large number of businesses within the park, including four EPA licenced sites, other businesses on the R526 and road gullies.

Extensive sampling was undertaken in the Canal and in the Business Park in 2021 and 2022 to ascertain the extent of the problem and these sampling events found a pattern of exceedances in one area of metals (zinc) and one area of inorganics (phosphorus).

### **WORKS PROGRESSED IN 2023**

In February 2023, Limerick City and County Council procured a laboratory, BHP, to undertake a sampling programme at two locations in the canal, the outfall (A) and downstream (B), on a monthly basis as shown below in Figure 1. This programme commenced in March 2023.



**Figure 1 – Sample Locations 2023**

Sampling was undertaken on the following dates in 2023. Note no samples were taken during April due to access issues; 07/03/2023, 09/05/2023, 13/06/2023, 04/07/2023, 08/08/2023, 07/09/2023, 17/10/2023 and the 8/11/2023. December sampling date to be confirmed.

#### **Sampling Programme**

Samples were tested and compared with the Surface water standards that are presently in place in Ireland at the European Union and are contained in the 'European Communities Environmental Objectives (Surface Water) Regulations 2009 – S.I. No. 272 of 2009, as amended'. For parameters where there were no emissions limit values in the 2009 Surface Water Regulations, samples were compared to the limerick set in the EPA document; 'Parameters of Water Quality – Interpretation and Standards, Environmental Protection Agency, 2001 (EPA Surface Water Guideline limit)'

A summary of results is shown in table 1 and table 2 below:

Report Number	Date	Sample Location	Units	Test Report 24135 30/11/2022 outfall	Test Report 250788 07/03/2023 outfall	Test Report 254890 09/05/2023 outfall	Test Report 259377.1 13/06/2023 outfall	Test Report 251008.1 04/07/2023 outfall	Test Report 263534.1 09/08/2023 outfall	Test Report 265522.1 07/09/2023 outfall	Test Report 269063.1 17/10/2023 outfall	Test Report 270580.1 08/11/2023 outfall
<b>Parameter</b>												
B.O.D	mg/l	2.6	<2.7	4.0	<50	3.0	<6.5	1.3	<3.2	0.8	5.6	1.2
C.O.D	mg/l	40	<50	<50	14	6.1	57	<50	<50	<50	<50	<50
Oils, Fats & Grease	mg/l	9.1				19		109	30		43	16
pH	Units	6<ph<10	7.59	7.73	7.92	7.26	7.75	7.98	7.73	8.03	8.03	7.02
Total Ammonia (as NH3)	mg/l	0.14	<0.122	0.15	0.99	0.38	0.48	0.49	0.61	0.27	0.27	<0.122
Total Phosphorus as P	mg/l	0.075	<0.5	0.89	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5
Orthophosphate (as P)	mg/l	0.075					0.21	0.25	0.18	0.07	0.035	0.039
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	50	<10	5.6	50	<10	13	<10	<10	42	42	<10
Zinc (Total as Zn)	mg/l	0.1	0.035	0.05	0.049	0.15	0.073	0.031	0.038	0.15	0.15	<0.025
Nitrate (as N03)	mg/l	<5		<5		<5		<5		<5		5.3

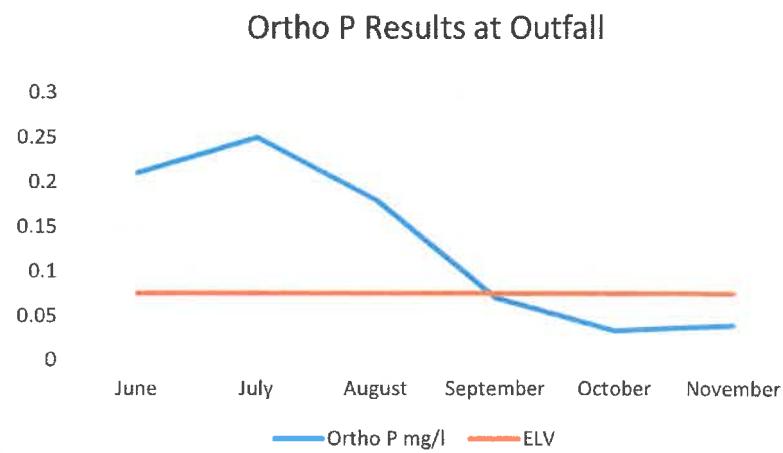
Table 1 – Outfall Sample Results Location A

Report Number	Date	Sample Location	Units	ELV	Test Report 259377.2 13/06/2023 downstream	Test Report 261008.2 04/07/2023 downstream	Test Report 263531.2 08/08/2023 downstream	Test Report 265522.2 07/09/2023 downstream	Test Report 269063.1 17/10/2023 downstream	Test Report 270580.2 08/11/2023 downstream	
<b>Parameter</b>											
B.O.D	mg/l	2.6		<6.5		1.3		<3.2	0.9	5.4	1.3
C.O.D	mg/l	40		54		<50		<50		<50	<50
Oils, Fats & Grease	mg/l			19		7.9		32	15	42	41
pH	Units	6<ph<10		7.27		8.97		7.46	7.43	7.72	7.06
Total Ammonia (as NH3)	mg/l	0.14		<0.122		<0.122		<0.122	0.59	0.39	<0.122
Total Phosphorus as P	mg/l	0.075		<0.5		<0.5		<0.5		<0.5	<0.5
Orthophosphate (as P)	mg/l	0.075		0.28		0.013		0.031	0.024	0.044	0.027
Total Suspended Solids	mg/l	50		<10		<13		<10		<10	<10
Zinc (Total as Zn)	mg/l	0.1		0.026		<0.025		<0.025	0.073	0.051	0.051
Nitrate (as N03)	mg/l	<5				<5		<5			2.6

Table 2 – Down Stream Sample Results Location B

On review of the sample results in May where there was a reported <0.5mg/l of Total Phosphorus, it became evident that the minimum measured concentration that was begin reported back in relation to Total Phosphorus with 99% confidence was <0.5mg/l and any results recorded as under 0.5mg/l would be recorded in this manner as per the validation protocol. A total phosphorus test measures all the forms of phosphorus in the sample, organic and inorganic phosphate. Following discussions in relation to our requirements, it was decided to include an additional sampling parameter for Orthophosphate analysis which give us a more detailed understanding of the inorganic phosphates present in the surface water. Orthophosphate has an environmental limit value (ELV) of 0.075mg/l under the 2009 surface water regulations.

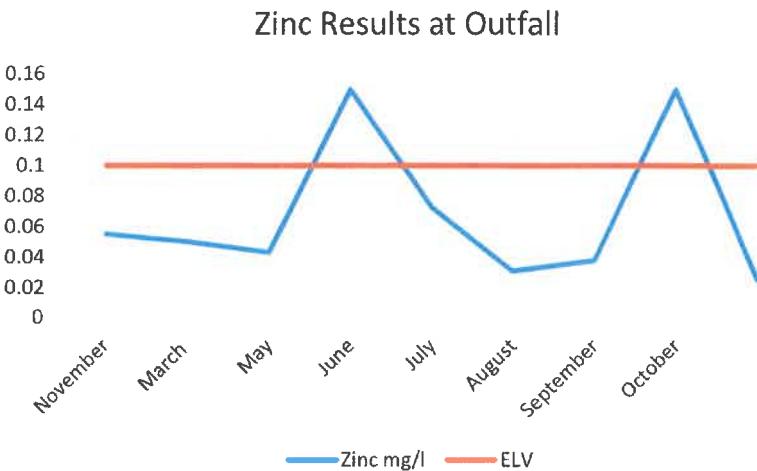
The sample results show a decrease in the exceedances in Phosphorus at the outfall with September, October and November results being below the discharge limit as shown in Chart 1 below. Only one sample at the downstream indicated an exceedance in this parameter on the 13<sup>th</sup> June 2023. All other downstream samples are below the limit for Phosphorus.



*Chart 1 –Ortho Phosphorus analysis trend 2023*

The ELV for Zinc is 0.1mg/l. Only 2 No. sample taken in June and October noted an exceedance in Zinc at the outfall of 0.15mg/l. No exceedances were noted downstream.

There does not seem to be a consistent pattern in relation to zinc exceedances.



*Chart 2 –Zinc analysis trend 2023*

Exceedances were also noted on 3 sample dates at the outfall were the ELV of 2.6mg/l for Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) were reported. One of these samples correlated with an exceedance at the downstream sample point on the 17th October 2023.

All samples from the outfall reported exceedances of the Surface Water Regulations 2009 in relation to Ammonia (NH3) which has an ELV of 0.14mg/l. These exceedances ranged from 0.19mg/l to 0.61mg/l. One exceedance was noted downstream on the 17<sup>th</sup> October 2023. The exceedance in relation to Ammonia had not been found in the sampling carried out by the IDA within the Business Park and may be attributed to contributions from land drainage from surrounding farmland. Note the samples taken in November did not indicate any exceedances.

Limerick City and County Council are currently engaging with suppliers to review the option of installing composite samplers at sample location A and B going forward.

#### **Further Assessment**

It has been pointed out that the sampling is only on a monthly basis, and therefore incidents of pollution could go unnoticed.

Limerick City and County Council engaged with Consultants to review the possibility of undertaking continuous assessment of surface water in the Loughmore Canal. As part of this process it was

considered that some Sondes devices could be installed which would monitor pH, electrical conductivity, temperature and dissolved oxygen at 15 minute intervals, 24 hours per day. Following on from this monitoring, a laboratory sampling plan could be developed and undertaken. We are currently reviewing the efficacy of this proposal.

An Ecological assessment of the canal was undertaken by the EPA in early December to establish the current health of the canal. We expect to have a report on this in the coming weeks.

#### **Business Engagement**

In October 2022, Limerick City and County Council wrote to some businesses within the Raheen Business Park outlining the objective of the investigation and requesting a meeting to discuss their operations and processes to get a better understanding of possible discharges from their business. A number of meetings took place following on from this communication and in 2023, we were able to further reduce the scope of the investigation with some businesses being eliminated due to the processes involved, with others requiring further analysis. A number of these businesses have discharge licenses issued by the EPA. In August, Limerick City and County Council committed an additional engineering resource to this investigation with a focus on engagement with the businesses.

This year Limerick City and County Council continued to engage with the IDA and businesses internal and external to the Business Park who discharge surface water to the canal. In September, Limerick City and County Council met with the EPA and it was agreed that they were best placed to engage and work with the four EPA licensed sites within the Business Park in relation to discharges going forward in the investigation.

In 2023, Limerick City and County Council have undertaken 37 individual inspections of businesses relating to this investigation. A number of businesses were identified where vehicle washing has been taking place on site and discharging to storm sewer and where grey water was discharging to the Storm Sewer. A notice under the Water pollution Acts 1977 to 2007 have been issued to these facilities. We are working with the owners to ensure an appropriate solution is put in place to resolve the issues identified and will be following up in 2024. We are continuing to review other premises where this activity may be an issue and are currently investigating another site of interest.

In addition, we are compiling a list of all businesses within the Business Park and are developing an awareness notification that will be issued to all. This letter will detail the proper use of the Storm network, requirement for appropriate vehicle and outdoor washing facilities, cross connections and the correct discharge for grey water.

### **Meetings**

Regular meetings were held within the team, with the EPA, the IDA and Stakeholders to update on the investigation and agree actions to be undertaken over the course of 2023.

### **NEXT STEPS FOR 2024**

- Progress option of Composite Sampler at 2 locations in the Loughmore Canal and an additional location at the Southern Attenuation area (location of other outfall from Raheen Industrial Estate to the Barnakyle river system)
- Continue monthly sampling programme
- Review requirement for further Ecological Assessment
- Follow up on notices issued to businesses
- Continue to monitor business operations in other sites of interest internal and external to the Business Park
- Issue Awareness notices to all businesses discharging to the Loughmore Canal.

Signed: Arlene Mellett  
Arlene Mellett  
Senior Executive Engineer  
Environment and Climate Action



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**Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick whether the Local Authority is considering appointing a caretaker for the Baggott Estate/Portland Park, due to the increase in usage of the Park.

**REPLY:**

The Council have no plans for a full time caretaker for Baggott Estate as the numbers utilising the amenity are not sufficient to warrant a full time presence.

The Council are monitoring the amenity from a maintenance perspective and undertake maintenance works accordingly. The Council will monitor numbers using the amenity going forward.

**Aidan Finn**  
**Senior Engineer**

**11<sup>th</sup> January, 2024.**



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**Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many derelict and unoccupied Council owned houses in Limerick City West currently and the target number to be refurbished in 2024.

**REPLY:**

There are 9 units in Limerick City West for major refurbishment. It is anticipated to have 7 units completed in 2024.

There are 27 units in Limerick City West for minor refurbishment. It is anticipated to have 22 units completed in 2024.

Brendan Kidney  
Senior Engineer  
Housing Construction and Maintenance  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2024



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### Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what plans are there to increase the number of EV charging points and in what locations are proposed.

### Response:

Limerick City and County Council is preparing an Electric Vehicle Charging Strategy which is due for completion in Q1 2024. The guiding principle of this project is the creation of a strategic direction for Limerick City and County Council to facilitate the deployment of Electric Vehicle charge points across the City and County.

The strategy will focus on identifying the demand for charge points across all types of charging and will specifically identify public residential and destination based charging needs up to 2025 and 2030. The power demand and charge point demand will be identified at Municipal District level. We will then work with the private sector and other organisations to support the demand based requirements and to identify suitable locations within each MD area for chargers.

In tandem with the development of the EV Charging Strategy, Limerick City and County Council are progressing a pilot EV charging project. This project will focus on delivering public residential and destination charging solutions at a number of locations around the city and county. This initiative is one of the first of its kind in Ireland and will serve as a valuable learning experience, not only for Limerick but also for other local authorities across the country.

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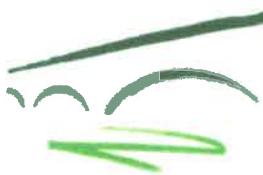
The pilot sites are located at:

1. Mungret Park,
2. Castletroy Park,
3. County Hall Dooradoyle (public area),
4. Dooradoyle Park,
5. Merchant's Quay (Newgate Lane),
6. O'Callaghan Strand,
7. Hyde Road, Colbert Park (22kw EV CarClub),
8. Bruff,
9. Kilmallock,
10. Newcastlewest
11. Dromcollogher,
12. Doon,
13. Caherconlish,
14. Patrickswell

In addition to the work taking place locally by Limerick City and County Council, the Zero Emission Vehicles Ireland (ZEVI) office are developing a National En-Route EV Charging Network Plan and its implementation will have a number of schemes to deliver charge points.

Through the development and implementation of these local and national projects, together with the work being undertaken by the private sector, there will be a projected increase in EV charging infrastructure in the Limerick City & County area.

**John O'Leary, A/S.E.E.,  
Travel & Transport Strategy  
Transportation & Mobility Directorate  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what progress is being made with the planned refurbishment of the former Sailors Home on O'Curry St in collaboration with relevant stakeholders.

**Response:**

The Council's Architectural Conservation Officer has maintained contact with the owners of the building.

Following a recent meeting with key personnel, the following has been confirmed:

- A recognised Conservation Engineering Consultancy has been appointed following completion of the requisite procurement process;
- A recognised Conservation Architect Practice has been appointed following completion of the requisite procurement process;
- The site has been made safe through selective dismantlement of friable and fragile fabric by a firm of contractors following completion of the requisite procurement process;
- In parallel with the above there is ongoing dialogue between the owners and their insurance company;
- The Board and Management of the Shannon-Foyne Port Company are totally committed to seeing the Sailors Home comprehensively restored to its condition immediately prior to the fire and suitably repurposed.

**Maria Woods,**  
Senior Planner  
12 January 2024

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I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, as a number of Part 8 planning proposals are scheduled to be presented to forthcoming Metropolitan District Meetings, some of which are presented as proposed Community Dwellings, can I get clarification on who is eligible/entitled to be housed in these proposed Community Dwellings.

**REPLY:**

'Time to Move On from Community Settings' is a HSE strategy supporting the movement of people with disabilities from large institutions (congregated settings) to smaller and more independent settings within the community - i.e., Community Dwellings. Various Service Providers (e.g. Tusla, Approved Housing Bodies, HSE) would provide the supports that these persons would then require within their Community Dwelling. The HSE and Approved Housing Bodies, with the support of Limerick City and County Council, are both active in developing suitable housing (known as community dwellings) into which congregated settings residents can transition.

Any Community Dwelling projects delivered by or funded by Limerick City and County Council would be done so on the condition that the units are occupied by persons approved on the Social Housing Waiting List.

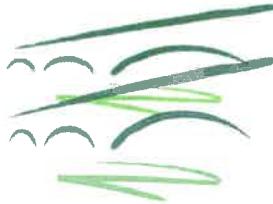
Housing circulars 45/2015 and more recently 32/2019 states that a maximum of four individuals with a disability and one support worker may be accommodated in an individual shared Community dwelling. In many instances, Limerick City and County works closely with Approved Housing Bodies for the delivery of Community Dwellings in the City and County to

support the de-congregation of larger facilities such as the Brothers of Charity's Bawnmore Facility or Avista's St Vincent's Centre at Lisnagry.

*Sarah Newell*

Sarah Newell  
Senior Executive Officer  
Housing Strategy and Non-LA construction

11<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Traffic Management Plan for the City Centre.

### Response:

The National Transport Authority (NTA) has now appointed a consultant team for the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan and it is intended to commence preparation of the plan in January.

**Hugh McGrath, S.E.,  
Head of Strategy & Delivery  
Transportation & Mobility directorate  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



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### Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the proposed safety interventions proposed at Patrickswell National School and the anticipated timelines for a) the completion of the Section 38 process and b) construction.

### Response:

The NTA confirmed that they are agreeable with progressing with safety interventions at Patrickswell National School as a project. Active Travel has confirmed the preliminary design with the NTA and this is currently undergoing a Road Safety Audit (RSA).

A Section 38 process will follow once RSA has been finalised and is anticipated for February 2024. Construction is then expected to commence during the summer of 2024 however, works are subject to funding being confirmed by NTA.

**Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.,  
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### **Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan**

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Park Canal Bridge project and when Active Travel will come forward with proposals for pedestrian linkage from Lower Park to Rhebogue.

### **Response:**

Active Travel is working in conjunction with Travel and Transport Strategy to deliver better access to active travel measures on Lower Park to Rhebogue.

At present Active Travel is working on options and will be engaging with the NTA in the coming weeks in relation to funding and will follow this up with updates to Councillors.

**Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.,  
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### Question submitted by Councillor C. Sheehan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an outline of what funding streams are available to install additional public lighting in laneways and how to obtain such funding.

### Response:

The current Public Lighting budgets allow for the maintenance and associated energy costs of the existing stock of in excess of 23,000 public lights. The installation of new lights is generally project specific and they are funded through the capital project. As part of the future public realm upgrades of the city centre, some additional laneway lighting may be considered as part of specific projects there.

**Brian Kennedy,  
Director of Services,  
Transportation & Mobility directorate  
11<sup>th</sup> January 2024**



## Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

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### Question submitted by Councillor F. Daly

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in relation to the Mill Road Scheme:

- a) Is the contractor going to take 18mths to complete works;
- b) Is traffic management going to be in place for the full 18 months;
- c) Can you guarantee the works in relation to Safe Routes to Schools at Scoil Íde on Mill Roadside will be complete in school Summer holidays;
- d) Safe Routes to School at Scoil Íde on Corbally Roadside will be complete in school Summer holidays;
- e) Can Active Travel install Nitrogen Dioxide NO2 sampling tubes around Scoil Íde;
- f) To date has the contractor incurred any delays.

### Response:

#### **a) Is the contractor going to take 18 months to complete works;**

The programme for construction is 18 months in duration. There are significant works planned including, but not limited to, construction of a 3.5m wide path along the 1.4km length of Mill Road, road widening, junction tightening, raised junctions, drainage, kerbing, line marking, accommodation works, tree planting, masonry work and public lighting.

The Active Travel Project team will work closely with the appointed contractor to endeavour to reduce the overall contract duration of 18mths.

#### **b) Is traffic management going to be in place for the full 18 months;**

Traffic management will be in place to preserve traffic capacity, safety and reliability of the road users on Mill Road.

The Traffic Management System will only be in place when necessary to protect the road users.

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**c) Can you guarantee the works in relation to Safe Routes to Schools at Scoil Íde on Mill**

**Road side will be complete in school Summer holidays;**

The Safe Routes to School at Scoil Íde will be carried out in such a manner to minimise disruption to the schools during School Summer months.

The Project Team will liaise with the School Principals throughout the construction period.

**d) Safe Routes to School at Scoil Íde on Corbally Road side will be complete in school Summer holidays;**

The Corbally Road Safe Routes to School Scheme is a separate Project to the Mill Road Active Travel Scheme. Part 8 planning permission has been granted for the Corbally Road Safe Routes to School Scheme.

When the Corbally Road Safe Routes to School Scheme goes to site, works will be carried out in such a manner to minimise disruption to the schools during School Summer months.

**e) Can Active Travel install Nitrogen Dioxide NO2 sampling tubes around Scoil Íde;**

Active Travel will install Nitrogen Dioxide NO2 sampling tubes around Scoil Íde

**f) To date has the contractor incurred any delays.**

The Contractor has not incurred significant delays to date.

**Sean McGlynn, A/S.E.,  
Active Travel Section,  
Transportation & Mobility directorate,  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2024.**



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### Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Active Travel Department could consider removing the current cycle lane separators from the Roxboro Roundabout to the Kilmallock Roundabout, and replace them instead with the separators that are currently on the road from Roxboro to Ballinacurra as the current cycle lane separators are bigger, more unsightly and more liable to cause damage to vehicles.

### Response:

The Active Travel Team will review the segregation utilised between Roxboro Roundabout and Kilmallock Roundabout as part of the 2024 works programme. We will keep the Elected Members informed once the National Transport Authority (NTA) 2024 funding allocation has been announced.

Dan Slavin, A/S.E.E.,  
Active Travel,  
Transportation & Mobility directorate  
11th January 2024