

CORRESPONDENCE
MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
20TH MAY, 2024

- Email dated 9th April, 2024 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland in reply to the following Notice of Motion from Members:
“I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, that, following recent works including removal of trees and hedging on the Limerick Foynes railway line, that Limerick City and County Council and TII investigate possible remedial measures to address the increased noise levels emanating from the adjacent M20 Motorway, particularly on the section along the railway line from Mount Earl Bridge to the Limerick side of Patrickswell, and from Patrickswell to Ballinacurra”.
- Letter dated 9th April, 2024 from the Office of the Minister of State at the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief in reply to Notice of Motion from Members to write to the Minister concerning works on the bank of the Newport River at Lisnagry, County Limerick.
- Letter dated 10th April, 2024 from the Provost and Deputy President, University of Limerick in reply to Notice of Motion from Members in relation to the Travel Lodge on the Dublin Road.
- Email dated 17th April, 2024 from Transport Infrastructure Ireland in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that Limerick City and County Council contact Transport Infrastructure Ireland with a view to installing a bypass to Castletroy at the Boherkyle junction off the flyover to alleviate traffic in the area.
- Letter dated 18th April, 2024 from the National Transport Authority in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that the Council writes to the NTA to ask for a briefing on their proposal to provide a pilot for a demand responsive bus service to serve areas such as Rhebogue and the Mill Road which will not be accommodated by Bus Connects.
- Email dated 22nd April, 2024 from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in reply to Notice of Motion from Members that Limerick City and County Council contact the Minister for Housing regarding the Housing Adaptation Grant and ask that he increase the amount of grant for people who have a severe disability and also make an exception for people with a severe disability who are living with family that the families income not be taken into account when applying for a grant. Members also requested that the Minister would publish the review report immediately.
- Email dated 23rd April, 2024 from the Office of Minister for Rural and Community Development in reply to Notice of Motion from Members to write to relevant Ministers for an urgent appeal for funding for Bedford Row family project.
- Email dated 30th April, 2024 from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in reply to Notice of Motion from Members to change the criteria for the payment of the Croi Conaithe Grant so as the grant can be paid in instalments, thus allowing those people drawing down the grant access to funding after certain stages of construction work.

- Email dated 1st May, 2024 from the Office of the Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage in reply to the following Notice of Motion from Members:
“I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that Limerick City and County Council considers making available loan facilities to people who wish to refurbish a house as their own residence under the Vacant Home Refurbishment Scheme. Members agreed to also request the Minister to progress the extension of the Local Authority Home Loan Scheme as soon as possible”.

Carroll, Siobhan

From: INFO <Information@tii.ie>
Sent: Tuesday 9 April 2024 11:13
To: Metro Meeting
Cc: Martin Bourke; Tim Fitzgerald MWR; 'lguiry@midwestroads.ie'
Subject: [EXTERNAL]FW: Noise - Resolution adopted at February Meeting of Metropolitan District of Limerick

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Dear Ms. Flannery,

Thank you for your correspondence of 4 March 2024 regarding the above. Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII's) position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

The amended European Communities (Environmental Noise Regulations) 2018 (S.I. No. 549) deal with the requirements to prepare noise action plans to be developed for the purpose of managing environmental noise issues and their effects, including noise reduction, if necessary. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is the national authority for overseeing the implementation of these Regulations.

Local authorities, in their role as designated 'Action Planning Authorities', are responsible for making and approving noise action plans. In accordance with the Environmental Noise Regulations, as amended, local authorities are currently preparing their draft Noise Action Plans for 2024 - 2028. The finalised action plan is the responsibility of the respective local authority. TII is not a designated action planning authority under the 2018 Regulations and accordingly has no role in the implementation of such plans under the Regulations.

I can however advise that TII is currently undertaking design work to provide for the rehabilitation of the running lanes (i.e., lanes 1 & 2 in each direction) for an 8.5km section of the M20 extending from M20 Junction 1 to Junction 5 (Attyflin). The rehabilitation works are expected to commence this year.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Kennedy
Head of Regulatory and Administration
Transport Infrastructure Ireland

Our Ref: TII24-126508



From: Metro Meeting <metromeeting@limerick.ie>
Sent: Thursday, March 7, 2024 1:55 PM
To: Peter Walsh <Peter.Walsh@tii.ie>
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Subject: Resolution adopted at February Meeting of Metropolitan District of Limerick

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A Chara,

At Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick held on 19th February, 2024, the following resolution was adopted:

I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, that, following recent works including removal of trees and hedging on the Limerick Foynes railway line, that Limerick City and County Council and TII investigate possible remedial measures to address the increased noise levels emanating from the adjacent M20 Motorway, particularly on the section along the railway line from Mount Earl Bridge to the Limerick side of Patrickswell, and from Patrickswell to Ballinacurra.

Please see letter attached in relation to same.

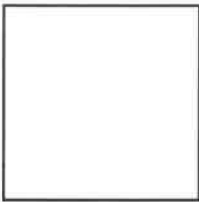
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Laura Flannery,
Meetings Administrator.

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Office of the Minister of State

Minister's Reference: OPW-MO-00124-2024



Ms. Laura Flannery
Limerick City & County Council
Corporate Services
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9th April 2024



Dear Ms. Flannery,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your recent correspondence in relation to works on the bank of the Newport River at Lisnagry, County Limerick.

Once enquiries have been completed in the matter you have raised, you will receive a substantive response.

Yours sincerely,

Patrick O'Donovan TD,

Minister of State at the Office of Public Works and Flood Relief



10 April 2024

Ms Laura Flannery
Meetings Administrator
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Dear Ms Flannery

I refer to your letter dated 28 March 2024 regarding the use of property where the Travelodge Hotel is located.

Plassey Campus Centre CLG (the University subsidiary company responsible for the development and management of student residences at UL) received planning permission (Planning reference 23/216) on 29 January 2024 for the provision of student accommodation (58 no. student bedrooms) on floors 6,7,8 and 9 above the Travelodge Hotel in the Parkpoint Development together with an ancillary foyer on the ground floor level.

It is intended to proceed with this development in due course. Some of the retail and warehouse facilities are currently in use while vacant units are available for letting.

Yours sincerely,

Professor Shane Kilcommins
Provost & Deputy President
University of Limerick

From: INFO <Information@tii.ie>

Sent: Wednesday, April 17, 2024 9:47 AM

To: Flannery, Laura <laura.flannery@limerick.ie>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]TII Ref: - TII24-126774 - M7 Request for Bypass at Boherkyle Junction 29. Co Limerick

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Dear Ms. Flannery,

Thank you for your further correspondence of 26 March 2024 regarding the above. Transport Infrastructure Ireland's (TII's) position in relation to your enquiry is as follows.

TII's remit is limited to the national road network, that is, roads with an 'N' or 'M' designation. Castletroy is not on an existing national road and therefore, the provision of any proposed bypass of Castletroy is not a matter for TII, but for the Local Authority, as the Road Authority for the area.

It is also noted that there is no junction with the national road network at Boherkyle, which is adjacent to the M7. The close proximity of Junctions 29 and 30 on the M7 precludes any proposal for an additional junction at this location.

Finally, by way of information, the National Development Plan (NDP) and its review, has been developed by Government to underpin the implementation of the National Planning Framework and provides the strategic framework for TII's national roads programme for the period from 2021 to 2030. The focus of TII's national road activities over the coming years is, accordingly, being directed towards the national road improvement schemes that are included in the NDP.

I hope that this information is of assistance to you

Yours sincerely,

Suzanne Cahill
Regulatory & Administration Executive
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FAO: Laura Flannery

18th April 2024

Dear Ms Flannery

I refer to your correspondence dated 26th March 2024 regarding a motion that was adopted by Councillors at the March meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

As you may be aware, the Smart Demand Responsive Transport Pilot Project service is currently in the procurement phase therefore we are not yet in position to provide a briefing to Councillors in the Metropolitan District of Limerick on this particular matter.

We look forward to engaging with members of Limerick City & County Council in the near future as this project progresses and the procurement phase is completed.

I trust that the above is of assistance.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anne Graham', written in a cursive style.

Anne Graham,
Chief Executive.

From: Minister O'Brien Office <ministerobrien-housing@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: Monday, April 22, 2024 3:32 PM
To: Customer Services <customerservices@limerick.ie>
Subject: [EXTERNAL]HPLG-MOBO-01161-2024

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Office of the Minister

22nd April 2024

RE: HPLG-MOBO-01161-2024

Dear Ms. Flannery,

I have been asked by Mr. Darragh O'Brien T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, to thank you for your letter dated 28 March 2024, in connection with the Housing Adaptation Grants for Older People and People with a Disability scheme, in respect of private houses.

The Department's main focus in respect of these grants is in seeking to spread their benefits by further increasing the funding that is available at national level. In 2023, over €72 million in Exchequer funding was made available to facilitate the payment of over 13,000 grants which compares favourably to the target of over 12,300 grants. An Exchequer provision of €74.5 million has been allocated to local authorities for 2024, raising available funding to over €93 million with an aim to fund over 13,000 grants and also continuing the year on year increases since 2014.

Housing for All also commits to reviewing the grants scheme and a report on the review has been prepared by the Department. The review was informed by engagement with external stakeholders, including the Department of Health, the HSE, the Disability Federation of Ireland and the Irish Wheelchair Association. Written submissions were also invited and considered as part of this process. Among the areas which the review considered are the means test, income thresholds and the grant limits.

On foot of Minister O'Brien's consideration of the Review report, the Department shared the report and supplementary analysis with the Department of Public Expenditure, NDP Delivery and Reform and is engaging with that Department on the recommendations in the report with a view to bringing forward amendments to the relevant Regulations governing the schemes as soon as possible.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary.

From: Ministers Office <minister-drcd@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
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Our Ref: DRCD-MO-00313-2024

Dear Ms. Flannery,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your email correspondence to Heather Humphreys T.D., Minister for Rural and Community Development.

Yours sincerely,

Eamonn Mc Cormack

Eamonn Mc Cormack
Programme Manager to Heather Humphreys T.D.

Minister for Rural and Community Development

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From: Minister O'Brien Office <ministerobrien-housing@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
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Office of the Minister**

30th April 2024

RE: HPLG-MOBO-01358-2024

Dear Ms. Flannery,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of correspondence dated 26th March 2024 from the meetings administrator in Limerick City and County Council informing this Department of the following resolution "to change the criteria for the payment of the Croi Conaithe Grant so as the grant can be paid in instalments, thus allowing those people drawing down the grant access to funding after certain stages of construction work."

I wish to reply and advise the members that a comprehensive review and evaluation of the schemes under the Croi Conaithe Towns Fund which includes the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant is being undertaken at present and is expected to be completed in mid-2024.

I trust this information will be of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,

**Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary**

From: Minister O'Brien Office <ministerobrien-housing@corr.cloud.gov.ie>
Sent: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 4:16 PM
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1st May 2024

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Ref: HPLG-MOBO-01600-2024

Dear Mr. Leahy,

Thank you for your email to Mr. Darragh O'Brien, T.D., Minister for Housing, Local Government and Heritage, in connection with your query.

Your correspondence is currently receiving attention and a further reply will issue as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

Niamh Redmond
Private Secretary