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- Email dated 15th July, 2024 from the Land Development Agency in reply to Notice of Motion from Members to write to the LDA to ask them to put in place a team based in Limerick to deliver the housing projects earmarked for Limerick in a quicker fashion.
- Email dated 13th August, 2024 from the Office of the Minister for Transport in reply to the following Notice of Motion from Members:
"I will move at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that hi-vis jackets/vests and lights be made compulsory for all cyclists on bikes and scooters in Ireland. I ask that Limerick City and County Council write to the relevant departments in Government, to request this be made law".

From: Lisa-Dee Collery <lcollery@lda.ie>

Sent: Monday 15 July 2024 15:52

To: Leahy, Mark <mark.leahy@limerick.ie>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Resolution - May meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick

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Mark,

Many thanks for your correspondence regarding the resolution adopted at the May meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick.

As members of the Council will be aware, the Land Development Agency is targeting the delivery of circa 1,000 new homes across numerous sites in Limerick city and county over the coming years. This will greatly increase the supply of much needed affordable and cost rental housing in the mid-west region.

In partnership with Limerick City and County Council, the Agency is preparing the tender process for a contractor to develop 183 houses and duplexes at its site at Mungret, with construction likely to begin around the end of the year. Later this year, the LDA will open applications for 81 cost rental apartments at The Mills in Castletroy.

The LDA is committing significant resources to progressing projects to develop more affordable and social housing in Limerick and ensure this is done in a financially sustainable way. We have design teams appointed for the Colbert Quarter Carey's Road site and the Ervia site on the Dock Road. Together, they are expected to deliver over 500 new homes. A design team for St. Joseph's will be appointed later this year.

The LDA has an office in Limerick, with staff there working closely with colleagues in Limerick City and County Council as well as working with our offices in Galway, Cork and Dublin to advance these important projects. The LDA's approach maximises the expertise and knowledge capacity available to expedite progress on key projects and ensure access to highly skilled practitioners and specialists.

As the LDA expands, it will continue to develop its footprint in the regional offices, including in Limerick, particularly as projects advance to the development phase. We look forward to our ongoing partnership work with Limerick City and County Council in progressing the delivery of more affordable and social housing. The LDA is happy to update members on its progress at a future meeting of the Council.

Kind regards,
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From: Ministers Office <Minister-Transport@corr.cloud.gov.ie>

Sent: Tuesday, August 13, 2024 8:31 AM

To: Customer Services <customerservices@limerick.ie>

Subject: [EXTERNAL]Ref: TTAS-MO-00378-2024

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Our Ref: TTAS-MO-00378-2024

Dear Mr. Leahy,

Thank you for your correspondence requesting that high visibility clothing and lights be made mandatory for all cyclists and e-scooter users. Please accept my sincerest apologies for the delay in responding to you, this is due to the large volume of correspondence currently being experienced in the Department.

It is the Department's belief that the best way to increase e-scooter and cyclists use of high visibility clothing is by way of educational and publicity campaigns, rather than by pursuing a punitive approach to the issue. To this end, each year, the RSA undertakes a number of campaigns to promote awareness among vulnerable road users of the need to wear hi-vis jackets and vests. The Rules of the Road booklet also encourages the use of this PPE for cyclists and draws attention to the safety benefits of high visibility clothing.

In addition, pedal cycles are required by law to be equipped with front and rear lights that are visible from a reasonable distance (please see the Road Traffic (Lighting of Vehicles) Regulations, 1963). Failure to use proper lighting on a pedal cycle is an offence and An Garda Síochána may issue a fixed charge notice. Similarly, with new legislation in place to regulate the use of e-scooters, those intended for use on public roads must be fitted with front and rear lights and reflectors. Failure to use proper lighting on an e-scooter is now also an offence.

I hope this information is of assistance to you.

With best wishes,

Eamon Ryan
Minister for Transport.

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