

CORRESPONDENCE

**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT
OF ADARE-RATHKEALE**

12th NOVEMBER, 2024

- Email received on 24th October, 2024 from Sean McGrath, Executive Engineer, Planning Enforcement, Limerick City and County Council in relation to request from Members for an update on the hoarding at Church Street, Rathkeale beside the doctors surgery.
- Correspondence received from Tim Fitzgerald, Senior Engineer, Mid West National Road Design Office in reply to Question from Councillor Hartigan in relation to the Foynes to Limerick Road (Including Adare Bypass).

From: McGrath, Sean <sean.mcgrath@limerick.ie>
Sent: Thursday 24 October 2024 16:08
To: Butler, Karen <karen.butler@limerick.ie>
Cc: Henn, Barry <barry.henn@limerick.ie>
Subject: RE: Hoarding on Church Street Rathkeale

Karen

I was in the Rathkeale area about three weeks ago due to the ongoing unauthorised demolition of a structure adjacent to Eurospar. On my visit I noted a few unauthorised scaffolding and hoarding to the front of premises along the main street and new road area. I have issued warning letters on all these unauthorised structures.

One of these is the hoarding at Church Street beside the doctors surgery a warning letter has been issued to the owners of the property as well as the contractor undertaking the works.

I will keep you updated on correspondents and if no communication is made I will move the case to enforcement letter by the end of November.

Kind Regards,

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Question submitted by Councillor Tommy Hartigan:

Could we reach out to the crowd doing the Foynes Road and ask for an update on the situation with farmers being paid for land taken, how many have been paid? How many will be paid by year's end. How many are left to be paid/negotiated and when was the last correspondence sent to the equine farmers regarding these payments and is there a specific reason they are being treated different to beef or dairy?

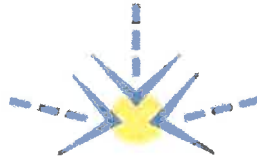
Reply:

The Foynes to Limerick Road (Including Adare Bypass) is 35km in length and will provide a motorway upgrade from Attyflin to Rathkeale, in addition to connecting the port of Foynes to the motorway network by a dual carriageway type cross section. The lands necessary for the construction of this project are being acquired pursuant to the Rathkeale to Attyflin Motorway Scheme 2019, the Foynes to Rathkeale Protected Road Scheme 2019 and the Foynes Service Area Scheme 2019.

Notices to Treat were served in August 2023 on every landowner along the 35km length of the project who had been identified, within the various schemes, as having an interest in the lands to be acquired. These notices requested the landowners to submit a statement of claim in respect of their interest in the lands that are being acquired from them. The vast majority of landowners did submit their statements of claim, and where claims were found to be outstanding, reminder letters have been issued to the relevant landowners.

Once received by Limerick City and County Council, these statements of claim were forwarded to Avison Young, who are the councils appointed property & land valuation consultant for this road scheme. Avison Young are currently working with Landowners Land Agents and other specialist advisors to try and agree the quantum of compensation payable.

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Upon agreement of compensation, the council's Legal Advisors, Leahy Reidy Solicitors LLP, engage with the landowners solicitors in relation to normal requisitions and any issues regarding title etc. Once satisfied, final agreements can be signed and the compensation monies paid.

Negotiations with landowners and their agents are at various stages in the negotiation process. Some are further progressed than others, either settled or hopefully close to being settled. Others, regrettably, will take longer to agree or may end up being referred to third party adjudication such as assessment or Arbitration. As such it is unclear how many agreements will be in place by the end of 2024.

It is also worth noting that in addition to the compensation amount, either agreed or determined, that interest on this amount will also be paid to the landowner from the date that the council took possession of the lands in question.

The council and its agents are dealing with landowners on a case by case basis, as the impact of the new road on each holding, both during the construction and operational phases, will be different.

Yours sincerely

TIM FITZGERALD
SENIOR ENGINEER

Date: 07/11/2024