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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday the 20th January 2025

Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council has a Road Hierarchy Map in place, and if not, when does the Council anticipate generating such a map.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council is in discussions with the Roads Management Office (RMO) regarding the creation of online mapping which would provide this information. The RMO are exploring options for a national database which would be available to the public. We are awaiting clarification from the RMO regarding confirmation that this service will proceed and the timelines associated.

Seamas O'Reilly, S.E.E.,
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
14th January 2025.



**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY, 20TH JANUARY 2025**

Question submitted by Councillor P. Doyle

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick when will the Greenway path from the University of Limerick / Plassey be extended to reach Castleconnell and Montpelier and will there be a path linking the new planned Park and Ride parking facility at the Mackey Roundabout with this Greenway so that UL staff and students could cycle into work and study after parking their cars at the Mackey Roundabout facility.

Reply

The UL to Montpelier Greenway project is currently nearing the end of the route selection process to identify an emerging preferred route. A number of key criteria are being used to identify the route and these are being assessed in accordance with TII guidelines and procedures. It is the intention to finalise identification of an emerging preferred route in the early part of this year, after which key project deliverables can be completed and TII approval sought to progress to Public Consultation. The proposed Park & Ride facility planned for the Mackey Roundabout is known and being considered by the design team, and connectivity between both facilities can be considered following the identification of the preferred route of the greenway project.

Yours sincerely

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MEETING TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 2025

Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what is the current update with Our Lady Queen of Peace Community Centre. I am aware the Council has received funds to refurbish the Centre. Have the Council an update on purchasing the property from the Diocese.

REPLY:

The Council has received provisional funding approval in relation to a refurbishment plan for the Centre. The acquisition of the property has not been agreed but the Council will continue to engage with the Diocese in relation to this matter.

Fiona McCormack

Fiona McCormack,
A/Senior Executive Officer,
Regeneration Sports & Recreation Directorate.



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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick is there an update on The Factory Youthspace Galvone in relation to them staying in the premises until a suitable location is found.

REPLY:

Discussions have been ongoing in relation to extending the current arrangement with the owners of the premises VPK. An agreement has been reached with VPK to extend the licence until August 2026. The Property Unit of the Council and VPK will review this licence agreement in December 2025.

Fiona McCormack

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A/Senior Executive Officer,
Regeneration, Sports & Recreation Directorate.



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the decluttering of unnecessary street signage including the former car park signs which have not been in use for several years.

Reply:

49 signs were removed as part of the de-cluttering element of the Wayfinding & Orientation Signage Project and the pavement surface was reinstated.

Although the digital car park signage is not currently operational, there is potential for the remaining infrastructure to be refurbished or repurposed in future to support objectives of the new Limerick City Centre Transport Plan, subject to available funding for such a project.

Vincent Murray
Director of Services
Planning and Place-Making / Roads Department.

16th January 2025.



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**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
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Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the Council to clarify the criteria for corporate sponsorship of city roundabouts given the significant differences in the quality and maintenance of the roundabouts.

Response

The criteria for roundabout sponsorship requires the Sponsor to enter into a three year Service Level Agreement, where the roundabout must be maintained to an acceptable standard. In return, the Roundabout Sponsorship Scheme allows the Sponsor to erect signage on the roundabout to advertise their business for this three year period. The Sponsorship can be extended for a further three year period but this is subject to the mutual agreement of both parties.

In situations where a roundabout is not maintained to a satisfactory standard, the sponsorship will not be extended by a further three year period and the Sponsor is required to remove their signage. This allows for this roundabout to be included on the annual list for seeking Expressions of Interest for future roundabout sponsorship.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
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15th January 2025.

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Question submitted by Councillor J. Leddin

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the Council to undertake the repainting of the traffic islands and also include the cleaning of all the plaques on our city bridges.

Reply:

The Roads, Traffic and Cleansing Operation teams hope to complete cleaning of traffic islands on approach to city bridges later this year. Plaque cleaning and repainting will also be considered once suitable weather conditions and resources become available.

Mike Richardson,
Senior Executive Engineer
Roads, Traffic & Cleansing,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
14th January 2025.



MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday the 20th January 2025

Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an outline of the plans to implement the Bus Connects Limerick Network in the next 12 months.

Reply:

Implementation of the improved services under BusConnects Network Redesign are to be delivered by Bus Eireann & the NTA. These improved services are expected to be made effective on a phased basis over the next 2 years.

As part of BusConnects, work will commence on Sustainable Transport Corridors which will improve travel times on the bus network and improve connections for pedestrians and cyclists, following consideration for the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan which is currently being prepared.

Other parts of the BusConnects programme, like simpler fares, will be delivered with the new bus network.

**Hugh McGrath, S.E.,
Travel & Transport Strategy,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
15th January 2025.**



**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
to be held on Monday 20th January 2025**

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the cost to Limerick Council for illegally dumped waste in Limerick City on a yearly basis and the most frequent locations for illegal dumping in Limerick Metropolitan area.

Response

The clean up of illegally dumped rubbish in the Limerick Metropolitan Area is divided between three sections of the Council, Domestic Waste and Litter, Cleansing and Regeneration, costs will vary from year to year.

According to our records the cost of cleaning illegally dumped rubbish in 2024 across these sections amounted to;

Cleansing - €96,800

Regeneration - €69,666

Domestic Waste & Litter (Anti Dumping Initiative) - €43,348.61

Total: €209,814.61 This figure does not include staffing costs or plant hire

In addition, €30,000 was spent on Bulky Waste Collections and the installation of CCTV in an effort to combat illegal dumping.

Some of the most frequent locations for illegal dumping in 2024 were, St. Marys Park, Ballinacurra Weston, Lenihan Avenue, City Centre Laneways, Coonagh / Clondrinagh, Johnsgate, and Kilmallock Road.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action

15th January 2025



**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, 20th
JANUARY, 2025.**

Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a detailed expenditure for Christmas in Limerick events 2024.

REPLY:

The expenditure below refers to events held in Limerick for Christmas held between 20th November until 31st December.

The events are to animate the city centre, attract footfall and celebrate Christmas in Limerick.

Christmas in Limerick 2024

| Item | Amount Incl.vat |
|--|-----------------|
| Milestone Animation Public Realm | €43,370.15 |
| A Magical Winter's Tale procession LUXE | €27,676.00 |
| A Magical Winter's Tale procession Grooveyard | €17,404.50 |
| Photography | €774.90 |
| Festive Festival in a Van (inc. local artists) | €11,250.00 |
| Treaty City Brewery Festive Fairs (x2) | €10,000.00 |
| Christmas at Limerick Milk Market | €5,000.00 |
| Music Generation (inc. local artists) | €22,500.00 |
| Opera Limerick – River Notes | €3,200.00 |
| Toots Train | €5,000.00 |
| Fab Lab UL – let's make laser cut Christmas | €465.00 |
| Christmas tales by the Limerick fireside | €500.00 |
| Couture at the Castle | €3,075.00 |
| Santa's Greenway fancy dress cycle | €1,864.27 |

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Christmas Pop-up sing along trail (x3) | €7,500.00 |
| Christmas trees | €9,550.00 |
| Christmas trees installation | €15,674.30 |
| Christmas trees Lighting O'Connell Crescent | €9,420.50 |
| Arthurs Quay Christmas lights | €25,539.00 |
| Advertising Road closures | €1,678.72 |
| St. Michaels Rowing Club | €500.00 |
| Traffic Management O'Connell Crescent | €2,525.37 |
| Lumen Street Theatre O'Connell Crescent | €2,300 |
| 16 Tonnes of Jive O'Connell Crescent | €650 |
| Stage, light, sound 16 Tonnes of Jive | €2,000 |
| School O'Connell Crescent | €100 |
| Misc. O'Connell Crescent | €567.50 |
| Santa Grotto O'Connell Crescent | €1,635.00 |
| Limerick Bands (x3) | €2,250 |
| Traffic Management A Cruises Street Christmas | €3,540.00 |
| Light up Red OPW | €3,064.50 |
| Total | €240,574.71 |

***Eileen Coleman,
Senior Executive Officer,
Rural, Community, Culture & Tourism Development.
17th January 2025***



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QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR E. O'DONOVAN

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how much Limerick Council has collected in derelict site levies in the past 12 months in Limerick City West, Limerick City East and Limerick City North.

REPLY:

The total amount of levies collected in 2024 is **€648,268.48**.

**JAYNE LEAHY,
HEAD OF PROPERTY MANAGEMENT,
RURAL, COMMUNITY, CULTURE AND TOURISM DEVELOPMENT.
17TH JANUARY, 2025.**



**Metropolitan District of Limerick
Meeting to be held on Monday, 20th January, 2025**

Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for a breakdown of families that were in emergency accommodation from 1st November 2024 to 1st January 2025 including children.

REPLY:

This information is published monthly in the Director General's report. November and December's reports are available on Limerick.ie and the extracts from both reports are below.

| Families | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Location | Description | Beds Used | | | Families |
| | | Adults | Children | | |
| Suaimhneas | Family Emergency accommodation | 6 | 8 | | 6 |
| B&B/Hotel Accommodation | Families | 121 | 135 | | 78 |
| Twin Oaks Family Hub | Family Hub | 11 | 16 | | 10 |
| Totals | | Adults | Children | Families | |
| | | 138 | 159 | 94 | |

December's report shows an increase of 3 Families on the previous month.

| Location | | Description | Families | | |
|-------------------------|--|--------------------------------|----------|----------|-----------|
| | | | Adults | Children | Beds Used |
| Suaimhneas | | Family Emergency accommodation | 5 | 7 | 5 |
| B&B/Hotel Accommodation | | Families | 129 | 142 | 82 |
| Twin Oaks Family Hub | | Family Hub | 11 | 16 | 10 |
| Totals | | | Adults | Children | Families |
| | | | 145 | 165 | 97 |

Mary Hayes

**Mary Hayes,
Senior Executive Officer,
Housing Support Services.**



Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday, 20th January, 2025

Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what portion of the 8 acre Cleeves Site will be occupied by TUS. Is there any other community /cultural / residential plans for the site.

Reply:

Limerick Twenty Thirty prepared a Master Plan for the 10 acre Cleeves Riverside Quarter site (Cleeves) in 2023. The Master Plan identified five development zones:

- Flaxmill site
- Quarry site
- Salesians site
- Stonetown site
- Shipyard site

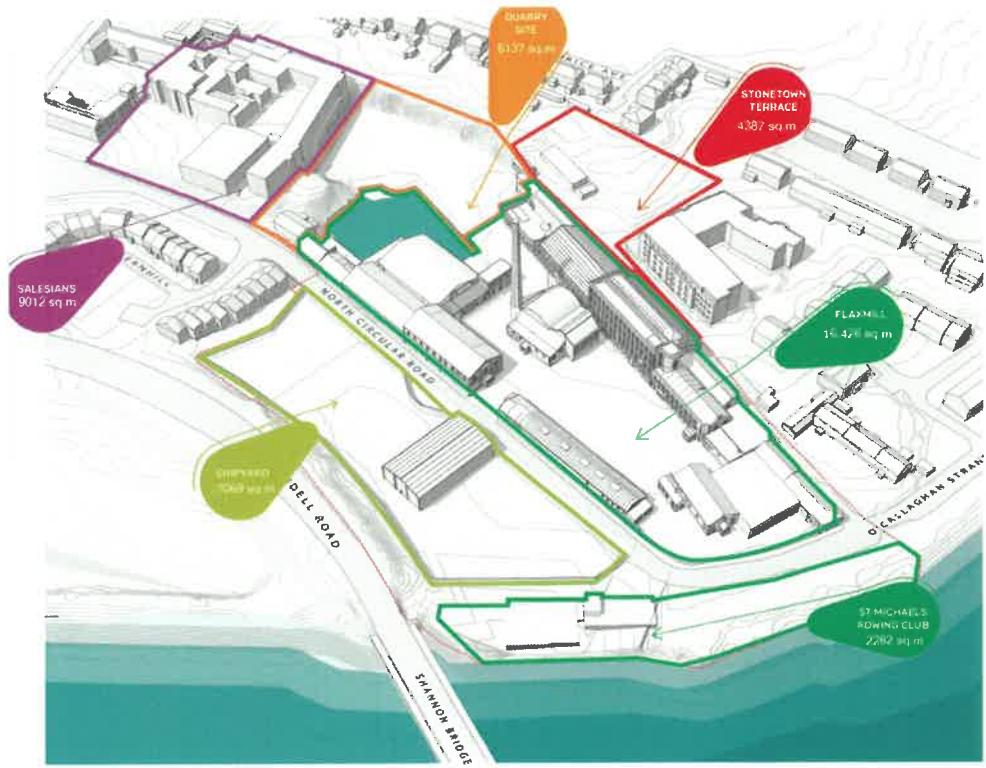


Figure 1-Cleeves Development Zones

These development zones provide for a variety of uses including residential, commercial and some community/cultural uses. The indicative range of accommodation set-out in the Master Plan is as follows:

- 250-300 homes
- 35,000m² of commercial space.
- 5,000-6,500 mixed use space.

Since the Master Plan was completed in October 2023, Limerick Twenty Thirty have progressed with Phase 1 that includes the residential accommodation, public realm and heritage buildings. The Definitive Project Brief for Phase 1 was completed in Q1 2024 with the formal design stages progressing since then. The scheme has evolved in line with ongoing market engagement and now includes a Purpose Built Student Accommodation development of 271 beds. The Phase 1 designs provide for the following accommodation:

- 230 homes
- 271 PBSA beds
- 1,050m² of cultural/community/mixed use space

A further development during 2024 was the decision by the Technological University of the Shannon Midlands Midwest (TUS) to develop a new City Centre Campus at Cleeves. While still at a very early stage of development, an Options Appraisal has been completed, and this identifies an indicative range of floor space for a new Higher Education Campus of between 12,000 and 13,000 m². The new University Campus will be developed at 3 locations that include some of the heritage buildings and other new build elements. Please see indicative sketch below in Figure 2 with the proposed locations of the new campus outlined in red. The area highlighted in blue will be retained for publicly accessible uses such as community space, food and beverage offering etc. The Strategic Brief for the TUS Campus also provides for publicly accessible areas such as an event space/music venue. The scale and nature of the publicly accessible spaces will be developed further during the design stages and further stakeholder engagement is undertaken.

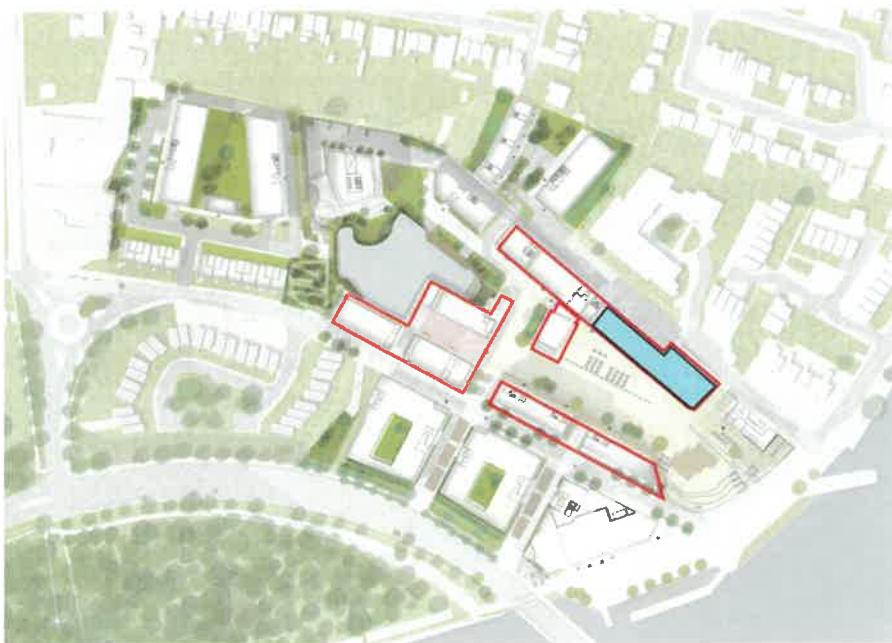


Figure 2-Indicative location of TUS CRQ Campus

The commercial spaces, which have the potential to be offices, hotel, health care, etc. will be progressed during a later phase of the development and will be subject to further engagement with the market to explore the options for delivery. The extent of commercial space is currently in the region of 26,000m2 and is located primarily on the Shipyard Site on the southern end of Cleeves Riverside Quarter.

**Vincent Murray
Director of Services
Planning & Place-Making.**

16th January 2025.



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Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what is the timeline for the Park and Ride at the Mackey Roundabout and have plans progressed for another by Ballysimon to alleviate congestion.

Reply:

Limerick City and County Council is currently working with the NTA Park and Ride team to deliver a Park and Ride facility in close proximity to the Mackey Roundabout Junction on lands previously purchased by the Council for the Mackey Junction Upgrade Scheme. It is hoped that Planning will be submitted for this site in 2025.

Options are currently being looked at for a Park and Ride site at Ballysimon.

**Natasha McGarry, S.E.E.,
Travel & Transport Strategy
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
14th January 2025.**



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council provide an anticipated timeline for the progression of the Coonagh-Knockalisheen Distributor Road now that the project has been awarded to Wills Bros Ltd.

- When will work begin.
- Is there an anticipated date of completion.

Reply:

The Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road Contract was awarded to Wills Bros Ltd on 18th December 2024. In accordance with the requirements in the contract, Wills Bros Ltd will commence work in January 2025. The overall project will take 24 months to complete. Once the programme of works is received and approved, local residents meetings will be held and regular updates will be issued.

Natasha McGarry, S.E.E.,
Travel & Transport Strategy,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
13th January 2025.



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council provide an update on water quality at the Corbally Baths.

Response

In relation to water quality monitoring at Corbally Baths, Limerick City and County Council undertakes sampling fortnightly during the bathing season (June 1st to 15th September) and has done so since May 2019. The Bathing Water Regulations require four years of microbiological testing in order to perform an indicative assessment of the water quality at this location for bathing. Currently the water quality is of “poor” quality and therefore not satisfying the limits set out in the Bathing Water Regulations. However, an improvement in microbiological results was noted in 2024 compared to previous years.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
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Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick that this Council provides an update on air quality across Limerick City North.

Response

The EPA indicate that the main air quality pollutants across Ireland are fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) and nitrogen dioxide (NO₂). Air quality levels for 2024 at Henry Street (which is part of the national ambient air quality monitoring network) near the Limerick North Metropolitan Area for these parameters are good and meet EU norms (Table 1).

Table 1. Air quality levels at Henry Street for 2024 for particulate matter and nitrogen dioxide.

| | Parameter -> | PM ₁₀ ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) | PM _{2.5} ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) | NO ₂ ($\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$) |
|---|--|--|---|---|
| | Henry Street (2024) | 12.0 | 6.9 | 13.6 |
| Ireland Air Quality Standard (2011) | Limit Value (Calendar Year) | 40 | 20 | 40 |
| CAFÉ Directive (2024) – to be transposed into Irish legislation | Limit Value By 1 st January 2030 (Calendar Year) | 20 | 10 | 20 |

The table above shows that Limerick City complies with the Ireland Air Quality Standard (2011) which is the current requirement. Furthermore, the air quality meets the more stringent CAFÉ Directive, which will be transposed into Irish legislation in the future. In conclusion, air quality in Limerick is good.

The results of real-time online air quality monitoring for the Limerick Metropolitan Area can be found at www.airquality.ie.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
15th January 2025