



**MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST  
TO BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2025**

**Questions submitted by Councillor Liam Galvin**

- 1. I will ask at the next Meeting for a detailed update on the bypasses of Adare, Abbeyfeale and Newcastle West. Please give potential time frames, costings to date, next steps for each bypass and potential issues that may arise.**

**Reply: in relation to the Foynes to Limerick Road (including Adare Bypass)**

The Adare Bypass is one element of the Foynes to Limerick Road project which is a 35km road connecting Limerick City to the port of Foynes. The overall Project is seen as vital for the strategic development and expansion of Shannon Foynes Port, for West Limerick and the Mid-West Region in general.

November 2023 marked the commencement of several enabling works contracts which are currently being progressed along the entire length of the project. These include for hedge clearance, fencing, an archaeological resolution contract, the construction of three railway bridges, haul road construction in addition to the diversion of numerous utility services.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> of December 2024, Limerick City and County Council announced that the joint venture of John Sisk & Son (Holdings) Ltd and Sorensen Civil Engineering Ltd, known as the Sisk Sorensen Joint Venture had been awarded the Adare Bypass Design and Construction Contract, between the proposed Adare and Croagh junctions. Works are scheduled to commence on site in January 2025.

There has been approximately €67 million spent to date on the project since it commenced in 2014. A substantial portion on that is in recent times, due to the commencement of the construction phase, land acquisition, Archaeological works, Bridge contracts etc. While the Contract duration is 30 months, with a scheduled contract end date of June 2027, there still remains a number of challenges for the project team to achieve this very ambitious target.

The Council is continuing to progress the remaining elements of the overall Project through this construction phase.

**Reply: in relation to N21 Abbeyfeale and N21 Newcastle West schemes :**

Since our update to you, on the N21 Abbeyfeale and N21 Newcastle West schemes, for the November meeting of the Municipal District of Newcastle West we have continued through Phase 3 of TII's Project Management Guidelines which includes design and preparation of statutory documents.

The design and environmental evaluation are substantially progressed to incorporate additional design requirements including consideration of the active travel facility cross section, the impacts of the 2023 speed limit review and the results from additional environmental surveys and we have also carried out additional archaeological test excavations at various locations.

We are on target to publish a further design update early in 2025 and this update will show the proposed mainline, side road realignments and junction designs as well as whether the road is in cut or on fill. In addition, proposed access arrangements, material deposition areas, watercourse diversions and the location of drainage ponds etc. will be shown. As part of this update we will provide timeline estimates for the progression of the N21 Abbeyfeale and N21 Newcastle West schemes. Following the design update the project team will engage with affected landowners in a series of one-to-one meetings to discuss the scheme design within the lands affected.

Prior to submitting a planning application to An Bord Pleanála both projects will be subject to peer review by TII and the Department of Transport and a legal review of the Environmental Impact Assessment documents. The outcome of these approval processes can potentially result in programme delays.

The progression of the schemes is subject to the continued support of public funding for the projects.

There has been approximately €1.9M and €1.8M spent to date on the Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale Bypass schemes respectively.



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Deirdre Clarke  
Projects Coordinator  
Mid West National Road Design Office

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024



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Ger Carey  
Senior Executive Engineer  
Mid West National Road Design Office

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**Question submitted by Councillor Liam Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for an update on Devon Road Cross, Templeglantine.

**Reply:**

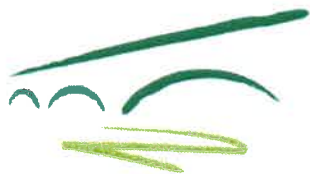
In 2023, the Mid West National Road Design Office resubmitted a feasibility report to TII recommending a staggered junction be constructed at N21 Devon Cross, to replace the existing arrangement. Unfortunately Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII) refused approval to proceed with the detail design process and preparation of tender documents and they did not allocate the necessary funding to implement the recommended staggered junction at Devon Cross.

Yours sincerely

**Deirdre Clarke**  
Executive Engineer  
Mid West National Road Design Office

20<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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### MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST

MEETING TO BE HELD ON Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2025.

#### Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next Meeting for a detailed update on Dore's Cross, Templeglantine.

**REPLY:** To date Limerick City and County Council have been unsuccessful in securing funding for this scheme. We are carrying out additional surveys to further support our application and will resubmit to TII for consideration.

Limerick City and County Council will continue to follow up on this scheme and provide an update once available

Enda Harrison

Executive Engineer, Roads, Traffic & Cleansing

Date: 17/12/2024



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**Question Councillor L. Galvin**

I will ask at the next Meeting for a detailed update on the progress report arising from the flooding in Abbeyfeale.

**Reply:**

Limerick City & County Council have made submissions to Central Services for funding to be attained for the Hill Road, Abbeyfeale and areas impacted from Tullig Bridge, Ballagh, the Mart Bridge and Rathcahill, Monagea for enhanced drainage works to be carried out and restoration improvement works.

John Sheehan  
Senior Executive Engineer  
Transportation and Mobility  
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10<sup>th</sup> January 2025



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**Question Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting when footpath renewal will be undertaken along the street between the Credit Union premises and Dromcollogher Post Office.

**Reply:**

Footpath renewal will form part of the GMA funding 2025.

John Sheehan  
Senior Executive Engineer  
Transportation and Mobility  
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**Question Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting when the no parking signage will be reinstated in the area fronting Tadhg O'Connor's along St. Mary's Road locally.

**Reply:**

The sign will be reinstated by the end of January.

John Sheehan  
Senior Executive Engineer  
Transportation and Mobility  
Newcastle West Municipal District

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**Question Councillor J. Scanlan**

I will ask at the next Meeting that the speed indicator on the western side of Broadford village be relocated next to the speed limit signage.

**Reply:**

A site meeting will be arranged to confirm the agreed location.

John Sheehan  
Senior Executive Engineer  
Transportation and Mobility  
Newcastle West Municipal District

10<sup>th</sup> January 2025





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## MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT OF NEWCASTLE WEST

### Question submitted by Councillor T. Ruddle

Could I ask for a list of vacant properties in NCW municipal district owned by Limerick City and County Council, in tabular form by location and the max length of time that they have been vacant.

### REPLY:

#### Vacant Units in the Newcastle West MD

Unit Location	Vacant Period (Months)	Current Position
Ballyagran	23	On Site
Strand	22	Procurement
Abbeyfeale	16	On Site
Abbeyfeale	12	On Site
Abbeyfeale	12	On Site
Abbeyfeale	11	On Site
Newcastle West	6	On Site
Newcastle West	4	Procurement
Newcastle West	2	Procurement
Athea	2	On Site
Athea	2	On Site
Newcastle West	2	Procurement

19 units have been completed and made available for letting to date in 2024.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Brendan Kidney', written over a thin horizontal line.

Brendan Kidney  
Senior Engineer  
Housing Construction and Maintenance  
19<sup>th</sup> December 2024