



**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY, 19th MAY, 2025**

Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick, Limerick has the second-highest proportion of personal injury claims with 6.2%, second only to Dublin.
How many personal injury claims were made against Limerick City and County Council in 2023 and 2024;
How many of these personal injury claims related to the Limerick Metropolitan area in 2023 and 2024;
How many of these personal injury claims related to the O Connell Street area in Limerick in 2023 and 2024;
In the cases litigated in Court relating to personal injury claims in the O Connell Street area in 2023 & 2024 was there a finding of underlying cause and if so, what was the finding.

REPLY:

All personal injury claims are managed on the Councils' behalf by I.P.B. Insurance.
The Member Quarterly Management Claims Trend Report for Quarter 4 2024 attached provides full details on all personal injury claims for the period 2022-2024.
The level of detail requested above is not available from the I.P.B. system.
The report gives a breakdown of the different cause trends across all claim types.
Detailed information on individual judgements are not available.

**HUGH MCGRATH
DIRECTOR OF SERVICE
TRANSPORTATION AND MOBILITY
13TH MAY, 2025.**



Member Quarterly Management Claims Trend Report

Limerick City & County Council

Reporting Period

Q4 2024

“Employers Liability claims are not included in this report for reasons of sensitivity and privacy, as their relatively low number may lead to claimants and their details being identifiable. Associated aspects of these claims including trends and risk management advice will continue to be addressed in the course of scheduled engagement”

Claims Quarterly Update - Active Claims Report

Active Claim Count Active Claim Gross Value

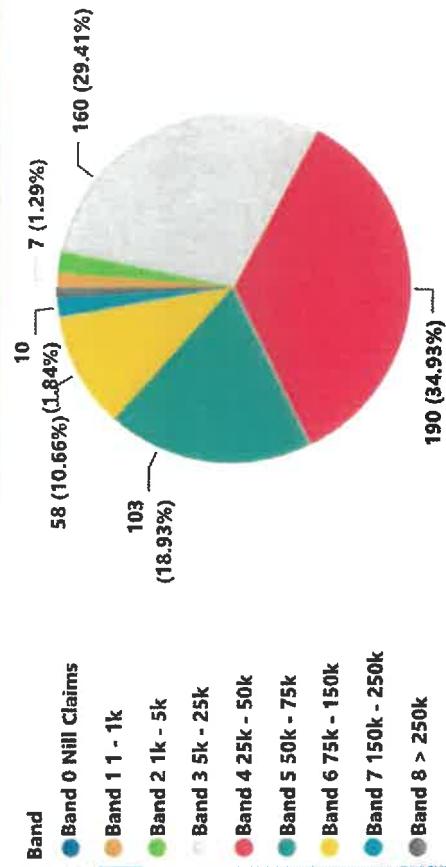
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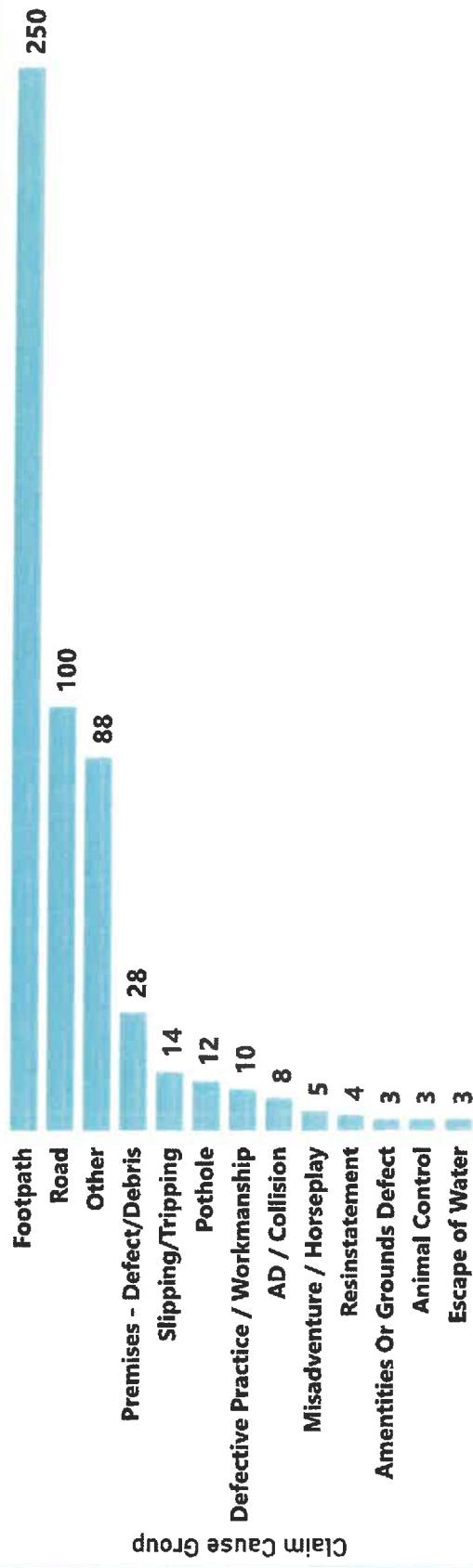
Active Claim Count & Gross Values

Product Category	Active Claim Count	Active Gross Value
PL	529	24,865,346
Motor	10	583,128
Other	3	80,530
Other Liability	1	75,000
Property	1	68,000
Total	544	25,672,005

Active Claim Count by Gross Value Band



Active Claim Count by Top Cause Categories



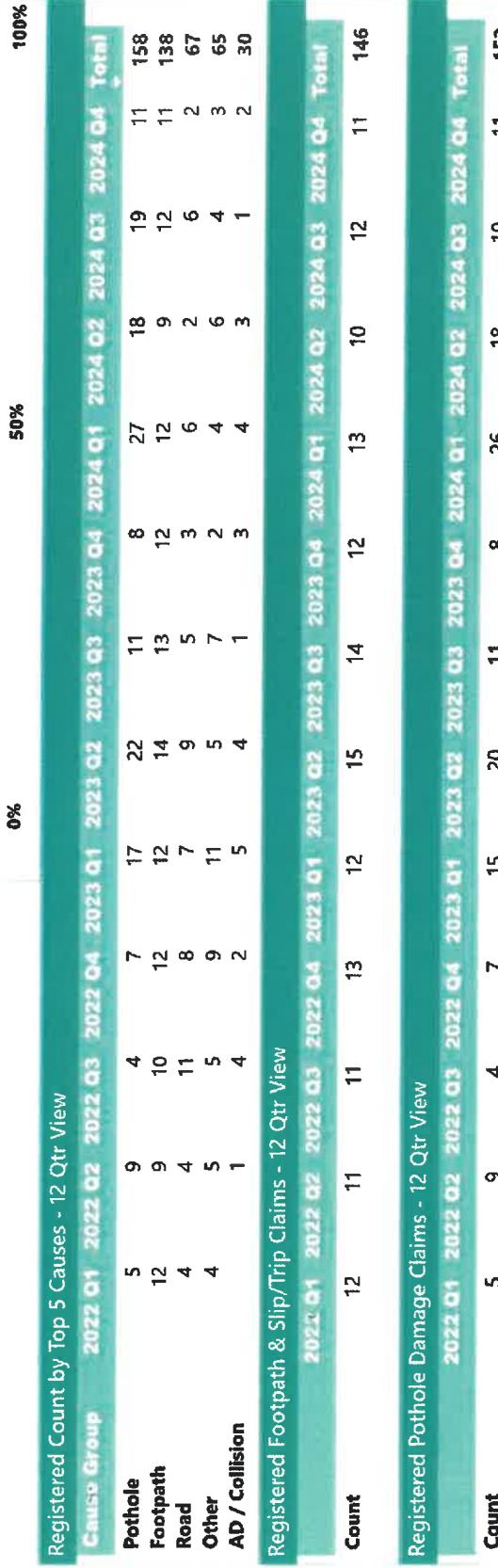
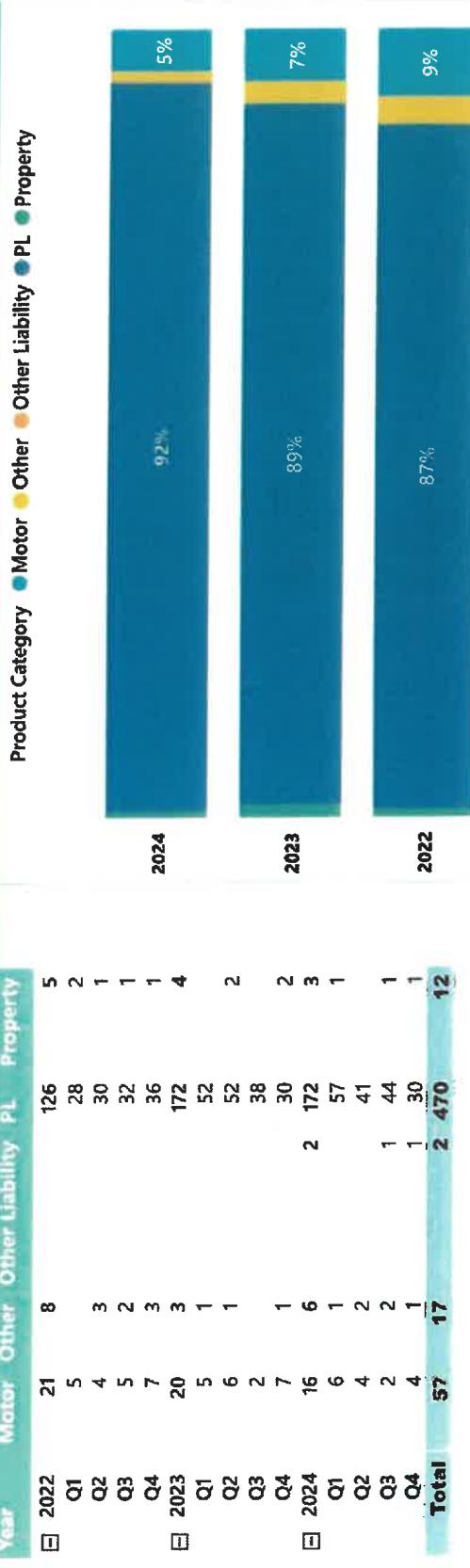
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Claims Quarterly Update - Registered Claims Report

Registered Count by Product & Settled Qtr - 12 Qtr View



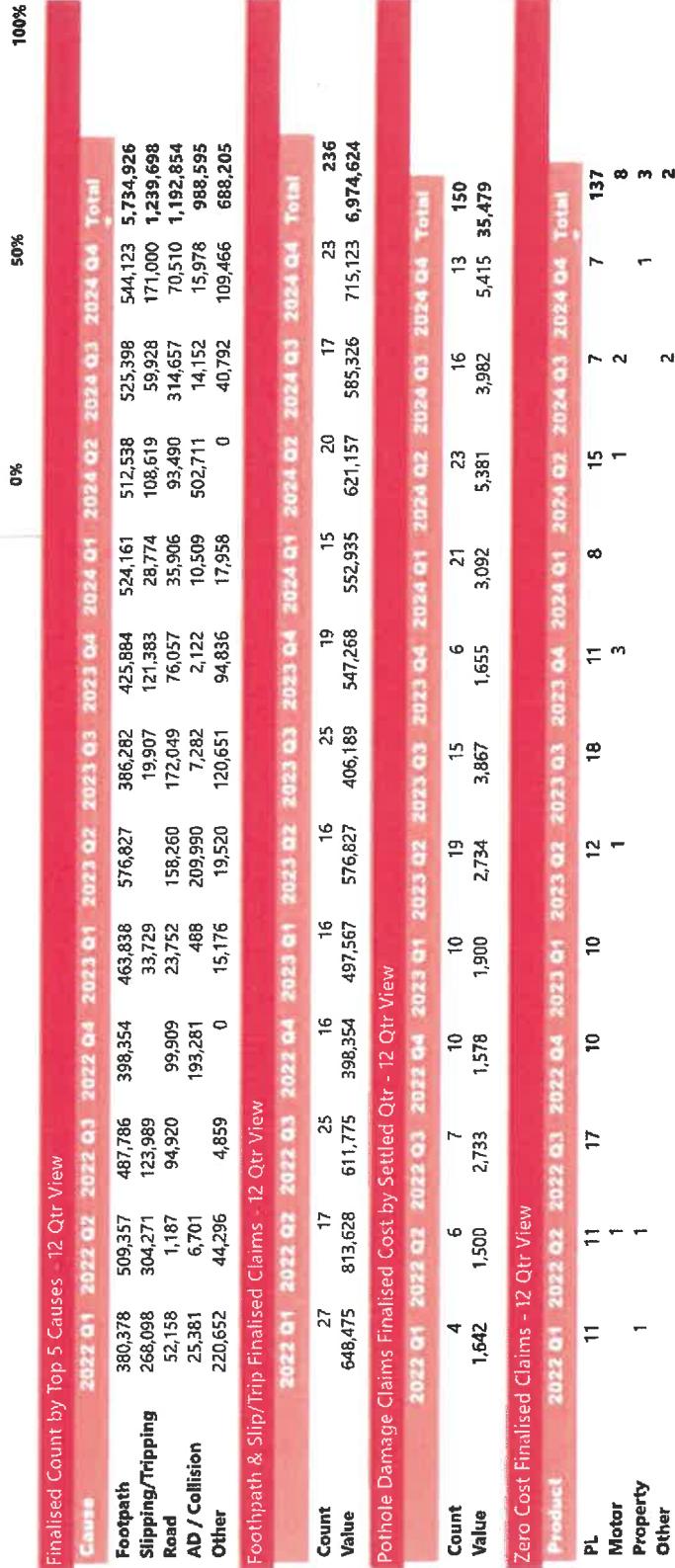
Registered Count by Top 5 Causes - 12 Qtr View





Claims Quarterly Update - Finalised Claims Report

Claims Quarterly Update - Finalised Claims Report





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Question submitted by Councillor E. Secas

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council has actually ever appointed consultants for the extension of the Castleconnell Playground as indicated in September last year and if the €20,000 development levies allocation towards the consultants has been spent.

Response

The Council wishes to advise that sourcing funding for the construction of the Castleconnell playground is proving very difficult. A funding application to the Community Recognition Fund for Castleconnell playground was unsuccessful. As a result, the Council are making every effort to retain funding where possible for the construction phase. As additional resources have been provided to the Parks department, the project is now being progressed inhouse; the €20,000 funding is still available for the Castleconnell project.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
12th May 2025



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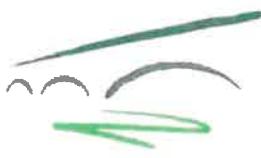
I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Council has yet identified an alternative way to deliver the Kilmurry Columbarium Garden Wall and provide a timeline for the construction stage.

Response

The Council has identified an alternative way of delivering the Kilmurray Columbarian Garden. The Council investigated whether Monumental Sculptors could deliver the hardscaping and civil elements of the projects, while the Parks department could assist with the landscaping elements of the project. It appears that a number of the Monumental Sculptors can deliver the hardscaping elements in addition to the provision of the Columbarian Walls.

The Council proceeded to tender for the hardscaping and Columbarian walls. It is expected that the contractor will be appointed in the next two weeks and construction works are expected to commence in June/July of this year. The lead in time for the delivery Columbarian walls is not known at this present moment in time.

Aidan Finn
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Environment and Climate Action
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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 many applicants are currently on the housing waiting list in the Metropolitan area and length of time on the list.

REPLY:

The total number of approved applicants on Limerick City and County Council's Housing Waiting List that have chosen the Metropolitan District as an Area of Choice is 2,424 no. It should be noted that not all applicants may reside in the Metropolitan District.

Breakdown in table below:

Length of time on list	Total No. of Applicants
0-5 years	1,711
5 – 10 years	414
10-15 years	238
Over 15 years	61

Mary Hayes
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Support Services
14th May, 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 if this Council has applied for funding for a bus shelter and seating at bus stop 607891 on the Mulcair Road, Dooradoyle.

Reply:

Bus Stop 607891 on the Mulcair Road which serves the current 304 bus route is not included in the revised Bus Connects Redesign. Going forward, priority for bus shelters is given to the proposed routes as part of the Bus Connects Redesign and will primarily have regard for the frequency of route, nearest existing shelter, proximity to populous feeders (Schools, hospital, urban Centers etc.

John B. O'Callaghan,
Executive Engineer,
Active Travel,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
14th May, 2025.



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Limerick City and County Council
Merchant's Quay
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Question submitted by Councillor E. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for the number of applicants for the Historic Structures Fund in 2024 and the number of successful applicants, including a breakdown of use for residential or community use, and if located in the Metropolitan area.

Reply:

A total of 22 no. applications were received for the Historic Structures Fund in 2024.

Of these, 7 no. projects were shortlisted and forwarded to the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage for consideration.

3 no. projects were offered funding by the Department – one private residence, and two public/community buildings. One of the three successful projects was located in the Metropolitan area.

Signed:

Maria Woods

Date: 12/5/2025

Maria Woods
Senior Planner
Forward Planning, Public Realm and Heritage



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Question submitted by Councillor C Slattery

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick can the Council advise in a case of animal cruelty where an animal is left for weeks in terrible conditions, whose jurisdiction is it to seize the dogs and place them in a safe environment. Can the Council also advise when the animal is seized who pays for the animals care and where is the animal placed.

Response

Under the Animal Health and Welfare Act, 2013, the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM) has primary policy responsibility for the welfare of all animals. Since the introduction of the Act, over 1,000 Department officials have been designated as authorised officers under the Act and their responsibilities include the enforcement of animal welfare legislation provided for under the Act. DAFM authorised officers in Limerick are based in the Limerick Regional Veterinary Office. An Garda Síochána are also authorised officers under the Act. The Department can recover the costs associated with housing a seized animal as part of legal proceedings following a seizure.

The Council do not seize animals under the Animal Health and Welfare Act.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
13th May 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor J. Pond

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Bike Scheme that was trialled in Annacotty/Castletroy area in the last few years.

Reply:

The dockless bike share pilot scheme which was operated by Tier-Dott concluded in December 2024. Tier-Dott have since ceased operations in Ireland.

The TFI Bike Share scheme operating across Limerick City is not affected by the conclusion of the pilot dockless scheme. The National Transport Authority has advised that the operation of the TFI Bike Share scheme is expected to be re-tendered later this year. Limerick City and County Council is working with the NTA to define an expanded geographical operating area for the TFI Bike Share scheme. We do not currently have a timeline for the roll out of the expanded scheme.

**Karen McDonnell,
Executive Planner,
Travel & Transport Strategy
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
13th May, 2025.**



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Question submitted by Councillor C. Slattery

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what the Director of Housing's plans are to curtail the completely disproportionate purchasing of new build houses in Limerick City by Approved Housing Bodies and other entities supported by the State.

REPLY:

We acknowledge the findings of the recent Limerick Chamber report - 'Mid-West Economic Insights 2025', which identified that 57% of residential property purchases in Limerick in 2023 were made by non-household entities for all tenures - private and affordable not just social housing. This was a matter of significant concern, particularly in the context of maintaining an appropriate balance in housing tenure.

We note, however, that this figure has reduced substantially to 32.4% in 2024 - well below the national average of 36.5% in the same year. This positive development is attributed to the Council's proactive implementation of a tenure mix policy developed with the Elected Members aimed at achieving a more sustainable balance between social rental, affordable purchase, cost rental and private market housing.

Further planning safeguards are also in place under the Ministerial Guidelines issued by the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage in July 2023 - Regulation of Commercial Institutional Investment in Housing - Guidelines for Planning Authorities. These statutory guidelines direct planning authorities and An Bord Pleanála to apply specific planning conditions in relation to residential developments comprising five or more houses and/or duplex units. The purpose of these conditions is to prevent the bulk purchase of new own-door housing by commercial institutional investors, thereby protecting opportunities for individual purchasers and the delivery of social and affordable housing, including cost-rental models.

The impact of both the local tenure policy and these national planning safeguards is reflected in the reduction of non-household acquisitions in 2024, and the Council remains committed to monitoring and managing tenure mix to support a balanced and inclusive housing market.



Brian Kennedy
Director of Service
Housing
14th May, 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 how many fines for dog fouling were issued by Limerick Council, in the Metropolitan District of Limerick, in 2023 and 2024 and how much revenue was collected as a result.

Response

2023	2024
3 Dog Fouling fines issued	1 Dog Fouling fine Issued
Revenue Collected €0.00	Revenue Collected €0.00
1 Court proceedings have been initiated	1 Court proceedings have been initiated
2 Withdrawn	

Under Section 22 of the Litter Pollution Act 1997 it is an offence to allow a dog under your control to foul a public place. A Litter/ Dog Warden can issue a fixed penalty fine for dog fouling under the Act, however the burden of proof is high. Prosecutions can be difficult as the Litter or Dog Warden must witness the incident and the dog must be connected to a person at the time of the offense. Where member of the public reports an instance they must be willing to give evidence in court, however many are reluctant to do so.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
13th May 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 for an update on the proposed bus shelter planned for the Old Cratloe Road. Is it still proposed to be moved closer to Caherdavin Meadows Junction rather than the bus stop's current location.

Reply:

A bus shelter is proposed for this stop as part of the Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme. In order to facilitate a bus shelter, it is proposed to move the bus stop closer to Caherdavin Meadows junction. The Old Cratloe Road Active Travel Scheme is anticipated to go through the Section 38 process in Q3 of 2025, with construction also anticipated in Q3 of 2025 subject to NTA approval.

John B. O'Callaghan,
Executive Engineer,
Active Travel,
Transportation & Mobility Directorate,
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QUESTION SUBMITTED BY COUNCILLOR M. DONOGHUE

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what steps are typically taken by Limerick City and County Council to engage with owners of vacant and derelict buildings, in the Metropolitan area, to bring them back to occupation.

REPLY:

Limerick City and County Council takes a pro-active, place-based approach to identifying and activating derelict sites and vacant homes for more beneficial uses in local communities. The Council operates the activation programme under a number of Government policies, in particular: Housing For All, Town Centre First, Our Rural Future, and statutory legislation of the Derelict Sites Act 1990, the Urban Regeneration and Housing Act 2015, and the Housing Act 1966.

The Council also administers the Vacant Property Refurbishment Grant on behalf of the Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage. Owners of derelict and vacant properties can benefit from grants of up to €70,000 either to refurbish their property for occupation as a principal private residence or to make it available to the private rental market.

Jayne Leahy
Head of Department
Property Management Services

13th May 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what the number of units is in the city centre, across all social housing sectors including AHBs, LCCC-owned housing and HAP Rentals.

REPLY:

In order to determine the number of units in the City Centre, the Housing Directorate has used the City Centre zoning boundary Map in the Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 as the basis for assessing the number of units in the City Centre. The map was extrapolated to Electoral Division data which makes it easy for the Council databases to assess the level of social-rental households.



Figure 1: Limerick Development Plan 2022-2028 with 'city centre' zoning defined in light blue.

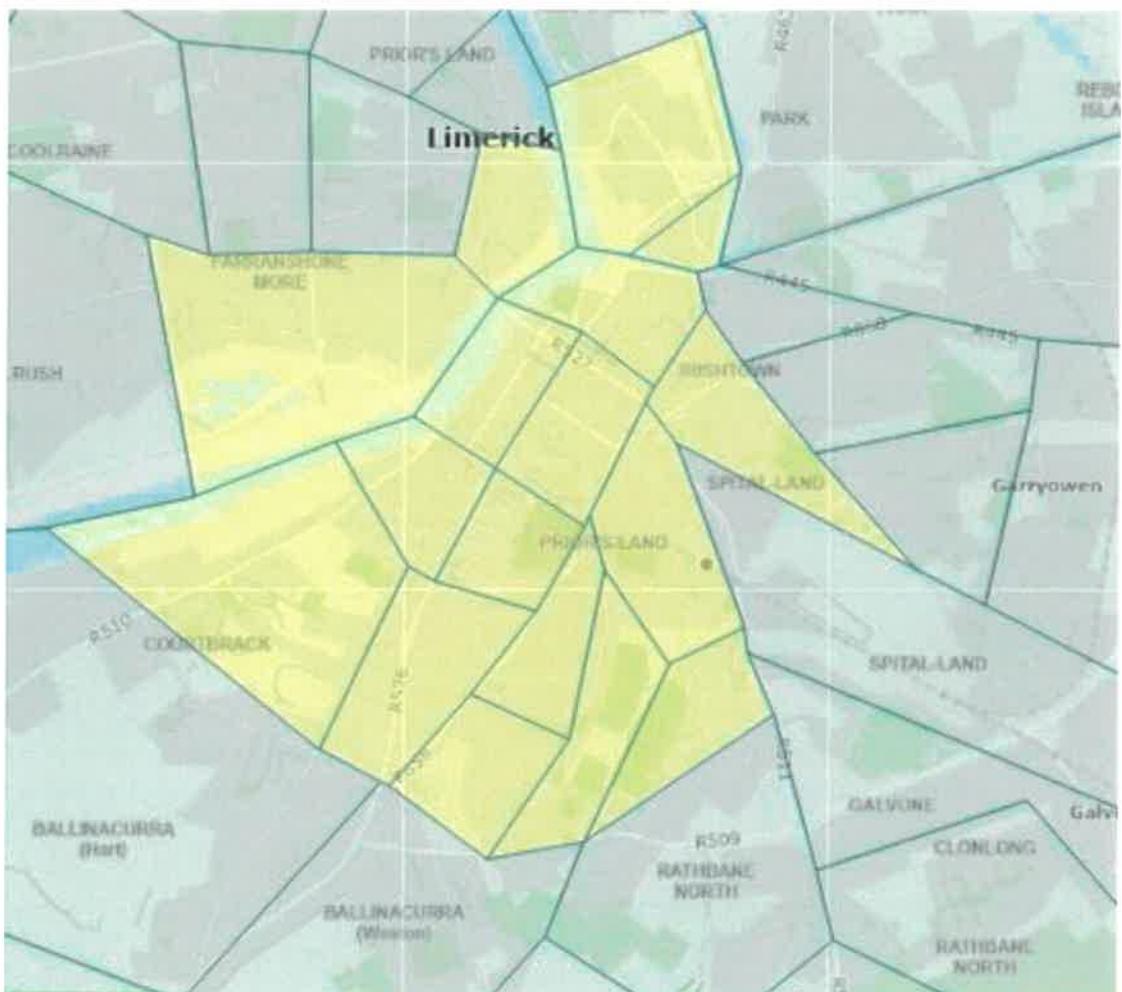


Figure 2: City centre Electoral Division boundaries (17 no.) broadly aligned to the 'city centre' zoning map

There are a total of 9488 registered residential addresses in the 17 no. Electoral Areas.

The number of units defined as Social Rental is as follows:

- 997 Limerick City and County Council owned properties
- 590 Housing Assistance Payment (HAP) Units
- 327 Approved Housing Body (AHB) Units
- 235 Rental Accommodation Scheme (RAS) Units
- 182 Short Term Temporary Accommodation Beds at various city locations as follows:
 - McGarry House 31
 - Phoenix Lodge 10
 - Oak Lodge 70
 - Brother Russell Road 26
 - Temporary Emergency Provision (TEP) 14

○ St Joseph Street	7
○ Thomond House	24
TOTAL =	2,331

The total at this time is 2,331 social-rental/supported homes (25% of total residential homes).

The Council remains committed to monitoring and managing tenure mix to support a balanced and inclusive housing market in the city, with the support of Elected Members.



Mary Hayes
Senior Executive Officer
Housing Support Services
14th May, 2025



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Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the progress with the Columbarium Wall in Mount St. Lawrence.

Response

The Council had previously received quotations for Consultants for the Columbarian Garden for Mount Saint Lawrence Cemetery. The Council have amended requirements for the project and are retendering on tenders for Consultants to design and deliver the project. The previous preliminary design is being simplified in order to achieve better value for money.

It is anticipated that a Part 8 will be lodged by October of this year.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment and Climate Action
14th May 2025