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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday the 20th April 2026

Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick if the Kings Island Flood Defences project will include any design proposals to demarcate to the public the locations and extent of medieval archaeology discovered during the excavations for these works.

Reply:

We can confirm that the medieval wall will indeed be demarcated within the upgraded pavement materials as part of the Kings Island Flood Relief Project. The location of the medieval wall that has been discovered is distinct from previous findings, so our design team are actively exploring the most effective way to highlight and display the wall's position to the public.

This approach will ensure that the historical significance of the site is respected and clearly communicated in the final design.

Patricia Liddy
Director of Services
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
14th April 2026



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Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on works to upgrade the footpaths on Shannon Street, and the footpaths on O'Connell Street between Hartstonge Street and Cecil Street, including a footpath widening in front of civic buildings such as the Belltable to allow for congregation of crowds.

Reply:

Shannon Street footpath repairs will resume next week and be completed by the end of the month, weather dependent.

Phase 1 of the O'Connell Street improvements brought the new scheme as far as the junction with Cecil Street. Preliminary designs have been prepared for Phase 2 of O'Connell Street and a Part 8 Planning process will be required, this is subject to funding. A program of works for the upgrade of the remainder of O'Connell Street will be developed after the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan and the Public Realm Plan are published.

Patricia Liddy
Director of Services
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
16th April 2026



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Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday, 20th April 2026

Question submitted by Councillor P. Doyle:

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick is there any grant or incentive scheme to encourage retail shop owners to improve their shop front signage. Some shop fronts/signage on William Street are of poor quality and not complying with regulations.

Reply:

Historic shopfronts to Protected Structures and/or those located within Architectural Conservation Areas (ACAs) are eligible for grant support for conservation and repair works under the Built Heritage Investment Scheme. While William Street is not within an Architectural Conservation Area, it does contain a number of Protected Structures.

The Built Heritage Investment Scheme is closed for 2026. Dates for the 2027 scheme have yet to be confirmed; however, the application process is expected to launch in July 2026, with a likely application deadline in September.

Details of the grant will be circulated to all staff and Councillors upon launch, published on Limerick.ie, and promoted through Limerick City and County Council's social media channels. In addition, the Conservation Section maintains a list of interested contacts who will be notified directly when the scheme opens.

Other than the Built Heritage Investment Scheme outlined above, there is no grant or incentive scheme to improve shopfront signage in the Metropolitan area.

Maria Woods
Senior Planner

14/04/2026



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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK

to be held on Monday, 20th April, 2026

Question submitted by Councillor M. Donoghue

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on opening and closing times for the People's Park and the Baggott Estate, the process followed by the Park Rangers in advance of closing times, and an update on the locations for opening and closing times in these parks.

REPLY:

Both the People's Park and Baggott Estate are open for 8am every morning year round. However, the closing time schedule is seasonal to reflect daylight hours. Since the beginning of April, the parks are open until 8pm every evening and this will be extended to 9pm from May to August 2026.

In addition to the Park closing times being displayed at the entrances to each Park, in advance of closing the gates at the people's Park, the Park Ranger rings the bell 20 minutes before the Park is due to close around the perimeter and within the Park to notify the impending closure. This is repeated 5 minutes before the Park is due to have its last gate locked at closing time.

Baggott Estate is closed by a security company on behalf of the Council. Their process includes advising any occupants of the impending closure at the scheduled time.

Sonja Reidy,
Senior Executive Officer
Metropolitan District Parks & Cemeteries

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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday the 20th April 2026

Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey-O'Mara

I will ask at the next Meeting of Limerick City and County Council why the footpath extension outside Belltable Theatre, 69 O'Connell Street, which was initially proposed as part of the redevelopment works on O'Connell Street, was not completed.

Reply:

Phase 1 of the O'Connell Street improvements brought the new scheme as far as the junction with Cecil Street. Preliminary designs have been prepared for Phase 2 of the O'Connell Street and a Part 8 Planning process will be required, this is subject to funding.

Patricia Liddy
Director of Services
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
15th April 2026



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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 an update on the second stage of the O'Connell Street Revitalisation Project as there is an urgent need to resurface footpaths here especially outside the Belltable Theatre.

Reply:

A program of works for the upgrade of the remainder of O'Connell Street will be developed after the Limerick City Centre Transport Plan and the Public Realm Plan are published.

**Patricia Liddy,
Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
15th April 2026.**



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to be held on Monday, 20th April, 2026

Question submitted by Councillor S. Hickey O'Mara

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for:

- The date/s that the two new dog parks in Quarry Park, Mayorstone, & Caherdavin Park are scheduled to be opened for public use.
- What work remains to be completed before the aforementioned dog parks can be opened for public use.
- An update on the status of the proposed dog park in O'Brien Park, Clare Street to be shared.

REPLY:

The Council have been waiting on better weather conditions before the four dog parks can be opened to the public. The Council are inspecting the dog parks at present and arranging for stone to be placed in areas at the entrances where it may be required. The Council will open the dog parks as soon as is feasibly possible and will advise the public on the opening dates in the near future.

Sonja Reidy,
Senior Executive Officer
Metropolitan District of Limerick, Parks & Cemeteries

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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 feasibility study regarding the building of a slip road at the entrance and exit to Ferndale, which was proposed and passed at the December 2025 meeting.

Reply:

A Stage 3 Road Safety Audit was undertaken for the Coonagh to Knockalisheen Distributor Road Scheme, which included the entrance to Ferndale. The audit identified no safety issues at this junction.

During construction of Phase 1 of the dual carriageway, extending from the Ennis Road to the Coonagh Cross Roundabout, the Ferndale access was modified to accommodate the scheme. This revised access arrangement was subsequently subject to a Road Safety Audit, which identified the requirement for additional signage. The recommended signage was installed at that time.

Patricia Liddy
Director of Services
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
15th April 2026



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**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK
TO BE HELD ON
20th April 2026**

Question by Cllr. S. Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what progress has been made on the Turner Vinery.

REPLY:

The Regeneration Department has been successful in securing 2026 Historic Structures Funding and has actively engaged with the appointed Contractor to establish Works items for completion under this funding stream. The Regeneration team will continue to seek additional funding in order to advance delivery of this project.

Signed: Fiona McCormack, Senior Executive Officer, Regeneration, Community, Sport & Rural Development Directorate

Date:

10th April 2026



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MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON Monday the 20th April 2026

Question submitted by Councillor S. Kiely

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick what progress has been made on pedestrian crossings at the Tipperary Roundabout and the provision of a pedestrian crossing on the Ballysimon Road.

Reply:

The proposed Tipperary Roundabout pedestrian crossings and a crossing on the Ballysimon Road have been included in the preliminary design for the Ballysimon Road Active Travel Project. The designs have been presented to the National Transport Authority and some minor revisions are being undertaken.

The project will be further progressed in Q2 2026 and brought for Part 8 later in the year.

**Patricia Liddy,
Director of Services,
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
15th April 2026**



**MEETING OF THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT OF LIMERICK TO BE HELD ON
MONDAY, 20TH APRIL, 2026**

Question submitted by Councillor U. Gavan

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update from TII regarding a preferred route and funding allocations (as referenced to my January query) regarding the UL - Castleconnell - Montpelier Greenway.

Reply

The Technical Consultants on this Scheme are AtkinsRéalis. At present the UL to Montpelier Greenway is still in the Options Selection phase.

Currently the MWNRO are analysing all options concerning this Scheme, in an effort to advance this Scheme given the recent 2026 TII allocation.

Yours sincerely

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Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick to be held on Monday, 20th April 2026

Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on the Clarina/Ballybrown Public Realm Enhancement Plan and when can we expect a final draft to be published.

Reply:

The Clarina/Ballybrown Public Realm Enhancement Plan is currently being finalised and is expected to be published during Q2 of 2026.

Maria Woods
Senior Planner

14/04/2026



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Question submitted by Councillor D. McSweeney

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick for an update on progress made on the land acquisition for the Clarina Village to Brick Lodge Footpath Road Safety Improvement Scheme to include an expected date the land acquisition stage will be completed and an indicative timeline for the next stages of the project.

Reply:

Limerick City & County Council's legal representatives are currently engaging with the legal representatives of all relevant landowners to progress contracts for the transfer of lands required for the delivery of this scheme. At this stage, it is not possible to define a timeframe for the completion of this phase of the project, as the finalisation of land transfer contracts is dependent on landowner engagement and agreement. In addition, a small number of existing burdens have been identified on folios associated with certain land parcels.

These will require resolution prior to transfer into the ownership of Limerick City & County Council and may result in an extended timeframe for the completion of contracts where applicable.

Patricia Liddy
Director of Services
Transportation, Mobility & Public Realm Directorate,
15th April 2026



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**Meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick
to be held on Monday 20th April 2026**

Question submitted by Councillor S. Beasley

I will ask at the next meeting of the Metropolitan District of Limerick how many cases of horse cruelty in the city have been reported in 2024, 2025, to date. Please break down by Metro areas and include any related fines, charges or punishments.

Response

Limerick City and County council have received 25 complaints of horse cruelty from 2024 to date. Four in 2024, 11 in 2025 and 10 to date in 2026.

The Council does not have an Authorised Officer appointed under the Animal Health and Welfare Act. As a result, we do not have the authority to enforce the provisions of the Act. Responsibility for implementing the Act lies primarily with the Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine (DAFM). All animal welfare cases received by the Council are therefore referred to DAFM.

Aidan Finn
Senior Engineer
Environment, Rural Water and Climate Action
15th April 2026