

Response to Outcome of Section 38 Process

SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 (as amended)

Description of proposal:

Carlow County Council (CCC) and Kilkenny County Council (KCC), in conjunction with the National Transport Authority (NTA) are proposing to carry out pedestrian safety improvements at Gore's Bridge. The proposed Gore's Bridge Pedestrian Improvement Scheme includes the installation of a new traffic light-controlled shuttle system which allows the roadway to be narrowed, and a new footway installed.

Location:

Gore's Bridge, Ballyellin & Tomdarragh, Co. Carlow / Gore's Bridge, Barrowmount, Co. Kilkenny

In accordance with the Guidelines on Traffic Works Procedures - Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act (1994) document, published by the Department of Transport, notice is hereby given that it is the decision of the Executive of Carlow County Council and the Executive of Kilkenny County Council, on 04/10/24, that the Gore's Bridge Pedestrian Improvement Scheme will be proceeded with in accordance with the plans and particulars placed on public display, including any minor and immaterial alterations made in response to submissions received.

Taking into consideration the submissions received the scheme will now consist of:

- A new at grade (i.e. flush with the road) segregated footway of 1.5m width to allow the safe movement of pedestrians in both directions. The at grade footway will be segregated from vehicular traffic by means of bolt down kerbs and flexible bollards.
- A new smart traffic light-controlled shuttle system will be installed.
- The roadway width will be reduced to one lane of 3.55m.
- A rubbing strip will be introduced on the southern side of the roadway.
- Approaches to the bridge will be modified to calm the traffic and allow the installation of pedestrian crossings.
- Installation of associated signage and road markings as necessary.

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