

## **Submission to the Callan Local Area Plan**

Following on positive discussions at the local consultation session, I would like to make the following submissions with regard to several points:

### **Pedestrian and Motor safety in crossing the Callan By-pass**

There was a positive discussion with Nicholas Louw and the Consultant about the problems of cross the by-pass on the road toward Westcourt and Ballingarry, both for drivers and pedestrians. There is a considerable pedestrian traffic of people going to work in the Westcourt Business Park.

The possibility of a roundabout was discussed and I could see that a roundabout might cause as many problems and points of danger as it would solve.

I later thought that the proposed Moat Fields Nature and Heritage Trail could be promoted as an appropriate pedestrian access to the Westcourt Industrial Estate and especially the Callan Bacon site. This would require a new and additional spur off the Trail and into the Industrial Estate but if it was encouraged it could relieve a significant point of danger for pedestrians.

### **Zone of Development in the area of Prologue and the Callan Workhouse – to be incorporated into the ACCE Objective**

While the Workhouse is referred to as a zone of potential development, there is strong potential there for a proposed Hub for Arts, Culture and Creative Economy developments. The whole zone - including the existing civic services of the Local Authority, private housing, petrol and convenience shop, social housing for the elderly, social housing for low income families, and the proposed Inclusive Neighbourhoods and Creative Hub – fits well into a European model of Smart Villages and would make an appropriate pilot for innovative integrated sites of future rural development with an emphasis on the Creative Economy.

See attached Proposal for: **Control to Collaboration**

This might be emphasised as a Priority in the LAP.

Link to Workhouse Union website: <https://workhouseunion.com/about/our-neighbourhood/>

### **Improved pedestrian access and footpath on Chapel Lane**

As raised by a resident in the Town Improvement Plan meeting, I strongly support improvements for pedestrians moving along Chapel Lane. With the positive development of Aldi, an increase of traffic makes it a hazardous passageway. A one-way system could be considered to make this a safer and more enjoyable access.

### **Access to the Kings River from Clodeen Lane and the Mill Lane Car Park**

The proposal to open the flood prevention gates as a general rule, on both sides of the river, and to enhance access to the banks of the river is to be highly recommended.