



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

REPORT UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (1994)

Zebra Pedestrian Crossing, N59 Clifden, Co. Galway

1. Introduction

Galway County Council proposes to install a new pedestrian crossing at Castlequarter Cross in Clifden, along with associated works. This proposal has been developed under the NRPO Ballybrit office/GCC Road Design team and will be funded by the TII Safety Section.

2. Scheme Description

The scheme comprises the installation of new ramped and signalised pedestrian crossing along with associated works, including the installation of road markings, bollards & signage. A drawing outlining the proposal is appended to this report. The drawing is N59 Proposed Clifden Zebra Crossing Raised Table -2026-N59-CZC-02.pdf. This is the same drawing used to advise the public of the proposals.

Location of the pedestrian crossing.

The location of the crossing has been determined in conjunction with TII Regional Road Safety Engineer.

A pedestrian crossing type option selection was carried out with TII approval, and it was determined the zebra pedestrian crossing to be most suitable.

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The design of the proposed Pedestrian Crossing considers future provision of cycle facilities either side of the road and is positioned to minimize abortive work at such time when the cycle facilities will be constructed in this area.

- The proposed raised table/ramp at the crossing enhances pedestrian priority at the crossing and will act as a traffic calming measure at this location, just east of Clifden town centre.
- The proposed junction works will be installed to guide and slow vehicles down at the start of the urban area and prevent a 'see-through' effect from each side road approach.



Figure 1 Location

Likely implications, if any, with respect to the proper planning and sustainable development of the Area

This project aligns with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area as it provides for enhanced pedestrian connectivity. It aligns with the following policy objectives in the Galway County Development Plan 2022-2028.

GCTPS 3 Sustainable Transport

The County will seek to support a variety of measures which will reduce car dependency for residents and will specifically seek to improve access to sustainable transport choices (including responsive and "flexible" modes) for those residents in rural areas of the County.

GCTPS 4 Walking and Cycling

Support for, and enhancement of, existing and new walking and cycling networks as the "first choice" for shorter local journeys and to link settlements within the County and to Galway City.

3. Decision to Proceed Under Section 38

Galway County Council has decided to proceed with this project under the provisions of a Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act. The decision was determined on the basis that:

- This project includes traffic calming measures. Section 38 relates to the provision or removal of traffic calming measures by a local authority, where traffic calming measures are defined in sub-section (9) of section 38 as meaning:

"measures which —

1. enhance the provision of public bus services, including measures which restrict or control access to all or part of a public road by mechanically propelled vehicles (whether generally or of a particular class) for the purpose of enhancing public bus services, or
2. restrict or control the speed or movement of, or which prevent, restrict or control access to a public road or roads by, mechanically propelled vehicles (whether generally or of a particular class) and measures which facilitate the safe use of public roads by different classes of traffic (including pedestrians and cyclists),

and includes for the purposes of the above the provision of traffic signs, road markings, bollards, posts, poles, chicanes, rumble areas, raised, lowered or modified road surfaces, ramps, speed cushions, speed tables or other similar works or devices, islands or central reservations, roundabouts, modified Guidelines on Traffic Works Procedures junctions, works to reduce or modify the width of the roadway and landscaping, planting or other similar works. " The proposed works will be undertaken within the boundaries of the public road,

- The estimated cost of the works will be less than €126,000.

4. Consultation Process

A consultation process was run on the <https://consult.galway.ie> website.

- The proposed works, including N59 Proposed Clifden Zebra Crossing Raised Table -2026-N59-CZC-02.pdf(attached) indicating the proposed works, was made available on <https://consult.galway.ie/> and was also available for inspection during normal opening hours from Thursday 9th July 2026 to Thursday 23rd July 2026 at: Galway County Council, NRPO Office, City East Business Park, Ballybrit, Galway H91 KT67.
- Representations relating to the above-mentioned proposed works could be made through <https://consult.galway.ie/> electronically or in writing to SEE RSIS at Galway County Council, NRPO Office, City East Business Park, Ballybrit, Galway H91 KT67.
- The latest date for receipt of such representations was 5pm on ~~Monday 7th September~~ 2026.

Friday 24th July

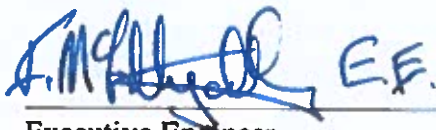
5. Submissions Received

No submissions or representations were received during the prescribed period.

6. Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that the scheme be implemented in accordance with the plans and particulars as provided to the public on <https://consult.galwav.ie>. Galway County Council will now proceed to construction based on the proposal as presented for public consultation, N59 Proposed Clifden Zebra Crossing Raised Table -2026-N59-CZC-02.pdf and subject to approval from the TII.

This decision will be implemented by way of CE Order and will be notified to all Councillors in the Monthly Management Report.

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Executive Engineer
Galway County Council

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Senior Engineer
Galway County Council

Date: ~~Tuesday~~ 9th September 2026