



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe
Galway County Council

REPORT UNDER SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (1994) Pedestrian Crossing, L4103, Old Limerick Road (near LIDL), Oranmore, Co. Galway

1. Introduction

Galway County Council proposes to install a new pedestrian crossing at the L-4103 (Old Limerick Road), near LIDL in Oranmore, along with associated works. This proposal has been developed under the remit of Active Travel and will be funded by the NTA.

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 GCO.23.0015-01 Rev C. This is the same drawing used to advise the public of the proposals.

Purpose

The pedestrian crossing is required as there is no existing designated pedestrian crossing in this location. The location of the crossing on L4103 near the entrance to Clochog Laneway matches the desire line between the attractors in the area. This location has a potential to link several trip attractors, like shopping centre at Lidl, residential areas either of the road, Clochog Laneway, schools on Maree Road and Oranmore Town Centre. The Clochog estate has an alternative access to Oranmore Town Centre, and the Clochog Laneway offers connectivity to L4101, Oranmore South/Maree Road and beyond. Through the permeability of the laneway this location is part of popular casual and fitness walking and running routes in the area reaching as far as Oranhill to the South.

Location of the pedestrian crossing

The location of the crossing has been determined during a workshop with the NTA in 2023 and has been positioned on the L-4103 (Old Limerick Road) outside the entrance to Clochog Laneway. See Figure 1 for location map.

A pedestrian crossing type option selection was carried out by TOBIN Consulting Engineers and determined the signalized pedestrian crossing to be most suitable.

Design

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 ramp at the crossing enhances pedestrian priority at the crossing and will act as a traffic calming measure at this location, just outside Oranmore town centre.
- The proposed bollards will be installed to guide vehicles away from hard shoulder and prevent overshooting hard shoulder at the entrance to LIDL.

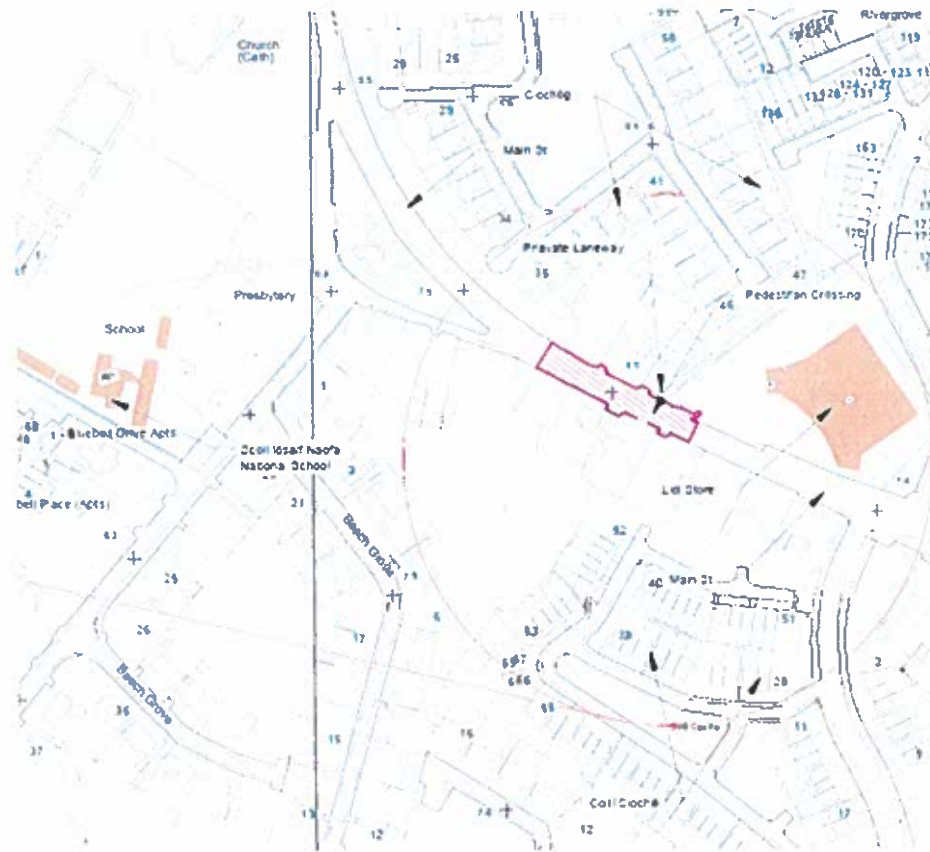


Figure 1 Location Map

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 Drawing GCO.23.0015-01 Rev C (attached) indicating the proposed works, was made available on <https://consult.galway.ie/> and was also available for inspection during normal opening hours from 10am on Friday 18th Oct 2024 to 12pm on Friday 1st Nov 2024 at: Galway County Council, Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX

- Representations relating to the above-mentioned proposed works could be made through <https://consult.galway.ie/> electronically or in writing to Active Travel Team, Galway County Council, Aras an Chontae, Prospect Hill, Galway, H91 H6KX.
- The latest date for receipt of such representations was 12 noon on Friday 1st Nov 2024.

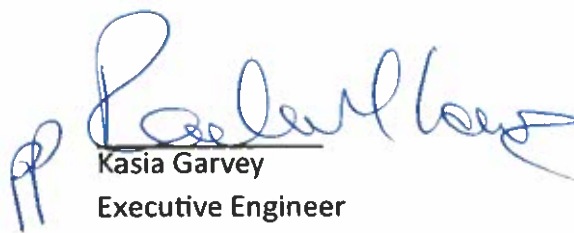
5. Submissions Received

No submission or representations were received during the prescribed period.

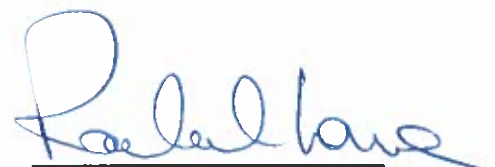
6. Conclusion and Recommendation

It is recommended that the scheme be implemented in accordance with the plans and particulars as provided to the public on <https://consult.galway.ie>. Galway County Council will now proceed to construction based on the proposal as presented for public consultation, Drawing GCO.23.0015-01 Rev C, and subject to approval from the NTA.

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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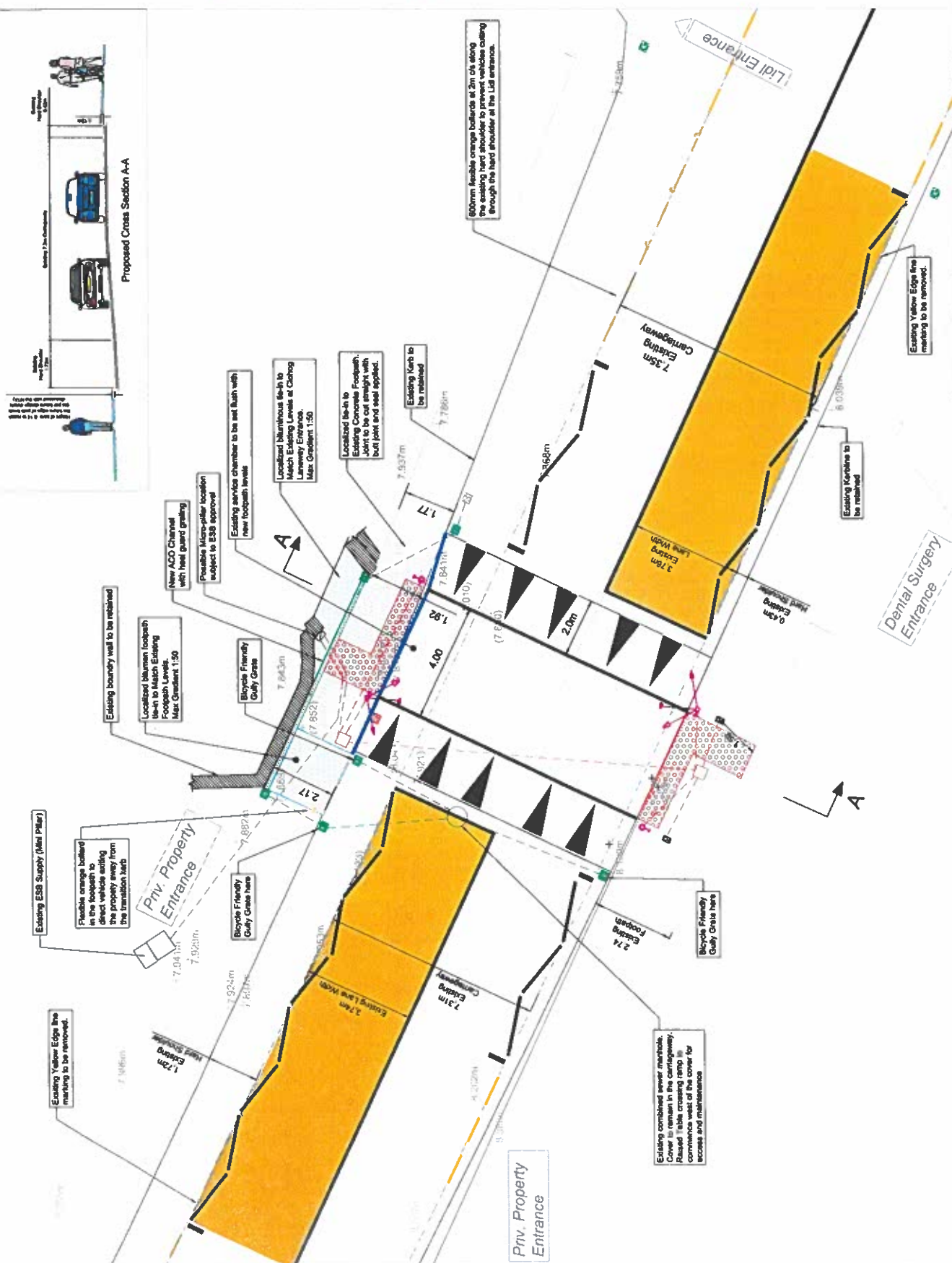
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LEGEND

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| | New Maximum Endowed |
| | Minimum range to Priority |
| | Red Traffic parking for Controlled Crossing |
| | Proposed New City |
| | Existing City to be made Redundant |
| | Existing City to be removed |
| | Identified Chamber |
| | 100/250m - Area Tiger Lark |
| | Standard High Rise (Minimum 12m) C-C&H&H Type A |
| | OnCA Cycle Lane Redundant |
| | Extent of heart secondary parking |
| | Redundant road for the future provision of 7 lanes crossing or dualing, to accommodate priority cycle infrastructure to the location. |
| | Traffic Light signals (to be reinstated section) |
| | Redundant Park Street |
| | Cycleway Park Street - for any cycles that may use Park Street |
| | Existing Level Area from survey |
| | Proposed Interpolated Levels |
| | Self Coloured Anti-Slip High Profiled Surfacing as the approach to proposed crossing |
| | Proposed Standard Driveway (Over 2 Meters for the road crossing, then into driveway only) |
| | Existing SW AXZ (Crosswalk) |
| | Redundant Impact resistance calibration post |
| | Ramp to surface |

Note: GCC have carried out 816 investigations and used more than 100,000 hours of the existing services on site. No services relocation are envisaged as part of the works.

All traffic signs and line marking as per current TSM.

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PARTIAL	Oranmore Pedestrian Crossing at Lid
PROPOSED	Pedestrian Crossing Layni
GENERAL	General Arrangement
DATE	17 FEB 68
DRAWN BY	SMITH
CHECKED BY	JOHN O'NEILL
SCALE	AS SHOWN ON PLAN
SHEET NO.	100
PROJECT NO.	G20/23/0015-01

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