



Comhairle Chontae na Gaillimhe  
Galway County Council

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

Trasrian Coisithe i mbaile An Spidéil  
Pedestrian Crossing in the village of An Spidéal.

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## 1. Introduction

Galway County Council proposes to construct a raised table Zebra Pedestrian Crossing (and ancillary works) in the village of An Spidéal near Scoil Éinne National School. Funding for this project has been granted through the Department of Rural Community and Development's Community Recognition Funding, 2025.

Measures proposed for this scheme include:

- 90m linear length of existing footpath on the southern side of the road opposite Scoil Éinne to be widened, with consequent narrowing of the carriageway
- A 5m wide Raised Table Zebra style pedestrian crossing directly outside of the school, just east of the entrance with 6m high Lanterns on both sides of the crossing.
- 3 existing Public Lighting columns will be relocated to maximise usable footpath width.
- New road gullies either side of Raised Table Crossing and repair/upgrade of existing local drainage network where feasible

In order to comply with the statutory requirements associated with this project, a Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act process has been conducted for this scheme.

## 2. Advertisement

The scheme was advertised directly on the Consultations portal of the Galway County Council website on the 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 and available for submissions until January 9<sup>th</sup> 2026. The local school and Comhlacht Forbartha an Spidéil development agency were notified directly by email of this notification. The contents of the advert highlighted a summary of the proposed measures, and directed the reader to detailed information which was made available electronically through Consult.Galway.ie, and via harcopy in the An Cheathrú Rua Area Office.

Submissions were invited and were available to be made through the following options:

1. Electronically via <https://consult.galway.ie/>, or
2. In writing to the SEE, Conamara MD at the An Cheathrú Rua Area Office

The consultation period remained open for over 2 weeks from 11<sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 17:00pm to 9<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 17:00pm.

## 3. Summary of Submissions Received

The following public submissions were received within the consultation period noted in Item 2 above:

- 2nr submissions received through the online portal consult.galway.ie.

To view the full details of the submissions received, please refer to Appendix A of this report.

Submission Reference	Summary of issues raised	Galway County Council Response
GLW-C202-2	General agreement with the proposal, with request to investigate the Surface water drainage issues in the village at the same time.	Drainage Upgrade works are generally outside the scope of this project, but we will look at the local network in the immediate vicinity of the planned crossing
GLW-C202-1	General support, but a request to examine a proposal whereby a Signalised Pedestrian Crossing system would be in effect for school opening and closing hours and reverting to the flashing Belisha Beacons for the remainder of the time.	<p>A system such as the one suggested would be overly complex, could be confusing for road-users, and would likely be prone to faults. It's safer to keep to one system.</p> <p>Due to the proximity to the school, the advice given by the Regional Road Safety Engineer (Mayo NRO) is that a Zebra crossing is safer near school. There have unfortunately been recorded incidents of children in particular crossing when the green man signal appears, without first checking that cars have stopped. A zebra crossing relies on intervisibility, whereby drivers stop to let waiting pedestrians cross. Pedestrians should not cross without first ensuring that drivers have seen them and come to a stop. This is key.</p>

#### 4. Decision to Proceed Under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994

Galway County Council has decided to proceed with this project under the provisions of 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,

## 5. Conclusion

Following the procedure followed in accordance with Section 38 processes noted above and having considered all submissions, Galway County Council now recommends that this scheme is implemented in accordance with the plans and particulars provided in Appendix C of this report.

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



Naoise Ó Conaola

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Conamara MD  
Galway County Council



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Galway County Council

Date: 21/01/2026

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## **Appendix A**

### **Submissions received**

## **Appendix B**

### **Scheme Drawings**



# Scoil Éinne

## An Spidéal, Co na Gaillimhe

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07/01/26

**Re: Trasrian Coisithe, R336-559 i sráidbhaile an Spidéil**

A chara;

Dear Sir/Madame,

I am sending in this submission on behalf of the Board of Management of Scoil Einne, An Spideal, Co na Gaillimhe in relation to the public consultation and proposed new Controlled Pedestrian Crossing, R336-599 in the village of An Spideal. The Proposed Works are outlined below;

**The works will involve the installation of; a raised table pedestrian crossing with Belisha beacon pole and 6m high lantern, road markings, signage and ancillary drainage and public lighting measures**

Having examined the drawings and proposed arrangement and layout of the subject crossing, while we are delighted to have this as an addition to the village and hugely improve the road safety and safety of the children attending the school we would ask the local Authority to consider the following.

The method of crossing proposed is a "Flashing Belisha Beacon pole with lantern" which will run 24hr a day 7 days a week to control traffic speed and allow crossing safely. Having met and discussed this as Board we feel that a "Stop Go"(Green Man/Red Man) system for the hours of school opening and closing would be a better solution to avoid driver complacently/driver muscle memory fatigue. We feel that drivers will become accustomed to the flashing beacon and in the early morning or late afternoon in winter time the attention span may not be what it should be and you could possibly drive through a flashing beacon just from the fact you are used to seeing it on all the time, where as a stop/go at certain times is very clear and drivers will have to watch out for it as they already do for the stop go system in the village centre at the AIB Bank/Church.

We would ask the Local Authority to consider this and see if its a viable option to add this extra layer of safety into the design as it further protects the school children/teachers/parents/public and other road crossing users safety while using this badly wanted traffic control measure.

Again as noted above we welcome this new addition to the village but stress that a stop/go system at school opening and closing times would add an extra dimension of safety for the users.

Should you require any further information please don't hesitate to contact me,

Kind Regards

Frank O Reilly

# COMHLACHT FORBARTHA AN SPIDÉIL



**AN SPIDÉAL**

*Beocht Cois Cuain*



**Údarás na  
Gaeltachta**

## Breathnóireacht

Tá CFAS ag tacú leis an bhforbairt seo ar na cuinsí a leanas

- Go mbeidh trasrían shábháilte ann do gach duine, óg agus sean atá ag trasnú an R336 ar cholbha thoir an bhaile
- Go mbeidh moillíú ar an trácht bóthair (siar agus soir) ar an R336 mar thoradh ar an trasrían
- Go mbeidh leathnú a dhéanamh ar an gcosán coise atá idir an Áirdín Bui agus an Leabarlann. (faoi láthair ní feidir le beirt choisithe dul thar a chéile ach ar éigin)
- Tá CFAS ag éilimh ar Chomhairle Contae na Gaillimhe inniúchadh iomlán a dhéanamh ar na sillteáin (Gullies) ar fad atá ar an mbaile mar chuid den fhorbairt. Nuair a thagann báisteach measartha trom níl na sillteáin inann an tuisce a thógáil mar go bhfuil na piopáí atá ag imeacht óna sillteáin calcadh. Tá an sillteán atá 20m siar ón leabharlann an dona agus locháin uisce timpeall air go minic.

Pádraic Mac Diarmada (Bainisteoir CFAS)



