Information Note

Re: Vehicular Capacity Improvement Interventions at Little Island, Co Cork

Cork County Council intends to construct a number of interventions in the townlands of:
Ballyhennick, Courtstown, Castleview, Ballytrasna; all in the area of Little Island, Co. Cork

The interventions include the following:

**Nature and extent of proposed development:**

The proposed developed comprises various interventions as described below to increase traffic capacity in the area of Little Island, Co. Cork. The Interventions include:

1. **N25 Eastbound, Off Ramp for Little Island:** Lane reassignment to facilitate two right turn lanes.
2. **R623 Overbridge (N25):** Increasing the lane provision on the bridge over the N25 to two lanes in each direction through narrowing the existing footpaths.
3. **R623 between Ballytrasna Junction (L2985) and An Crompan (Eastgate) Roundabout:** Addition of 2nd Northbound Traffic Lane. Extension of Southbound lane turning left for (L2985)
4. **N25 Westbound, Off ramp for Little Island:** Creation of two lane approach to An Crompan (Eastgate) Roundabout; one left turn only lane and one lane for traffic travelling straight ahead to Eastgate Retail Park and right to Overbridge.
5. **Eastgate Retail Park approach to An Crompan (Eastgate) Roundabout:** addition and extension of 2nd lane to approach Roundabout.

**Existing Issues**

- Severe AM peak hour queuing on N25 off ramp at entrance to Little Island.
- Severe PM peak hour queuing within Little Island exiting Little Island in all directions.
- Increased journey times for all peak hour commuters in the Little Island Area.
- Severe congestion for residents within the Little Island area in the AM & PM peak.

**Benefits**

- Reduced traffic congestion for traffic accessing Little Island during the AM peak.
- Reduced traffic congestion for traffic exiting Little Island during the PM peak.
- Reduction in journey times for all vehicles accessing and exiting Little Island at peak times.
- Improved vehicular mobility for residents of Little Island during peak times.
- Improve quality of life for residents in the area.
- Improved access to Little Island for Businesses and Commuters.

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