

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COBH MUNICIPAL DISTRICT, HELD AT COUNTY HALL, CORK, ON MONDAY, 16th JULY, 2018

Present - Councillors:- G. Keohane, P. O’Sullivan, C. Rasmussen, A. Barry. and D. Ó’Cadhla

Officials Present:

Mr. Peter O’Donoghue, Senior Engineer, Traffic & Transportation Section
 Mr. Donald Cronin, Senior Executive Engineer
 Mr. Ross Palmer, Senior Executive Planner
 Ms. Sharon McDonnell, Assistant Planner
 Mr. S. O’Callaghan, Senior Executive Officer
 Mr. P. Lynch, Municipal District Officer
 Ms. Carmel McDonnell, Cobh Municipal District

An apology for their inability to attend was received from Cllrs. K McCarthy and S. Sheppard.

**1. Part 8 Proposal – Glanmire LIHAF Initiative
Glanmire Road Improvements and Sustainable Transport Works**

In attendance: - Mr. Eoin O’Mahony, Associate Director, Aecom
 Mr. Michael Condon, Senior Engineer, Aecom
 Mr. Conor ? Aecom

E. O’Mahony advised the members that a total of 86 submissions had been received from the public and that 250 people had attended the Public Exhibition in Glanmire on 17th May, 2018.

The following outlines the modifications relating to each project:-

Project 1 – Church Hill

Modification 1: Issues raised in relation to the accessibility and parking for Glanmire Business Park will be minimised in so far as is practicable.

Modification 2: The side boundary wall to the former Glanmire House (Colaiste and Phiarsigh, Church Hill) is to be retained in situ. The proposed footway on the eastern side of Church Hill will be omitted from the scheme.

Cllr. O’Sullivan asked why the wall could not be removed. E. O’Mahony said that it was on the recommendation of the Heritage Department that it would remain as it is a protected structure.

Project 2 – Banning right turn at Dunkettle Slip Road

Modification 3: The right turn ban will not be implemented unless sufficient progress has been achieved in relation to the Ballinglanna housing development and the Dunkettle Interchange Upgrade project has not progressed.

Project 3 – Glanmire Village

Modification 4: As recommended by the Cork County Council Heritage Section, the parallel parking proposed outside the derelict cottages shall be omitted. The provision for parallel parking shall be relocated to a new position directly outside the A.I.B. bank.

Modification 5: The scheme will extend northwards along East Cliff Road to enhance the safety and visibility of an adjacent vehicular access.

Project 4 – Riverstown Crossroads

Modification 6: It is proposed to reduce the length of the southbound cycle lane to retain car parking adjacent to the health centre subject to further assessment during detailed design.

Project 5 – Glanmire Road Hazelwood Junction

Modification 7: An improved yellow box road marking will be provided at the junction of Hazelwood Hill and Hazelwood Road.

Modification 8: A right turn lane will be provided to Hazelwood Shopping Centre subject to land acquisition.

Project 6 – Riverstown Road/East Cliff Road

Modification 9: The width of the greenway will be increased to 4m where achievable on Riverstown Road and East Cliff Road.

Modification 10: Yellow box road markings will be provided at the junction of Marble Park and the L3010 Riverstown Road.

Cllr. O’Sullivan stated that Sarsfields Hurling Club had concerns about parking and asked if the crossing could be moved to retain additional parking. E. O’ Mahony said that the crossing was located to facilitate greenway access.

R. Palmer stated that the crossing will help to reduce speed in the area and that there is sufficient other space available for coach parking. E. O’Mahony said that coach parking at the entrance reduces sight lines for cars leaving/entering the site.

Project 7 – Minor Works to Riverstown Bridge

Modification 11: Relocate the position of the yield road markings and signage (subject to land acquisition), to improve visibility and road safety.

Project 8 – New Link Road (L3010 to Hazelwood Road)

Cllr. Keohane referred to his submission in relation to the trees on Dooley's Lane.

E. O'Mahony stated that this submission would be dealt with under the modifications for this project (outlined below).

Modification 12: Trees will be assessed for health/safety and historic value, retaining as many trees as possible while also facilitating the road link and parking.

Modification 13: Vehicular access to Dooley's Lane will be provided from the new Link Road.

Modification 14: Site clearance will be undertaken along Dooley's Lane to address anti-social behaviour.

Modification 15: Dooley's Lane will be resurfaced to improve permeability, accessibility and pedestrian safety.

Modification 16: The junction between the new link road and Hazelwood road will be signalised.

Project 9 – Dunkettle Road

E. O'Mahony stated that provision of pedestrian and cyclist access is vital for the project. He acknowledged that it will impact on individual properties but that the overall benefit to the community is huge. E. O'Mahony then outlined the modifications pertaining to Project 9.

Modification 17: 6 parking spaces and an associated access road will be provided for the residents of the Cottages.

Modification 18: Pedestrian and cyclist access will be retained at the junction of Caherlag Road and Dunkettle Road.

Modification 19: As the formal carriage sweep entrance to Richmond House is a protected structure modifications will be permitted to the wing walls only.

Modification 20: Access to Rectory through the existing entrance will be maintained.

Cllr. O'Sullivan stated that there was a significant impact on residents. He referred to a submission from one resident in relation to the provision of a shared surface. E. O'Mahony said that this particular resident lives 7m from the road and that there were no plans to modify the scheme due to the knock on impact on other locations.

Cllr. Barry stated that he shared Cllr. O'Sullivan's concerns regarding the scale of pedestrian/cycle facilities. Cllr. O'Cadhla said that he would have health and safety concerns if a shared surface is introduced at this location.

P. O'Donoghue stated that the aim of the project is to provide pedestrian and cycling facilities on the Dunkettle Road, and that this needs to be maintained. He also said that part

of the overall strategy linked to Little Island was the proposed Dunkettle Railway Station with park and ride at Dunkettle.

Cllr. O'Sullivan asked if the grass margin could be removed at this location. E. O'Mahony said that the cycle way and footpaths were at the minimum width and that he was willing to look at the issue of grass margins at this location.

It was agreed that at the boundary to the property related to Submission No PE291305462 as submitted by Horgan Carroll Architect, the width of the verge will be reduced to mitigate the impact of the cross section on the property.

Cllr. O'Sullivan asked if the parking could be increased to 8 spaces at Woodville. R. Palmer stated that there were 5 cottages in total, 2 of which already have parking facilities and under the scheme it was proposed to provide 2 spaces each for the remaining 3 houses. E. O'Sullivan said that a turning circle was included in the scheme and therefore 7/8 cars may be facilitated.

Cllr. O'Sullivan asked if the last remaining property in the Caherlag Road could be included in the Compulsory Purchase Order. R. Palmer stated that there would be funding constraints. P. O'Donoghue said that there will be a process of negotiation as part of the property has to be acquired. Cllr. O'Sullivan then asked if this could result in the full property being acquired. P. O'Donoghue said that he could not commit to this but the C.P.O. process may result in the full acquisition.

Project 10 – Flaring at Tivoli Roundabout

As no submissions were received, no modifications were necessary.

Project 12 – R615/R639

No modifications were proposed as the gradient is too steep to facilitate the left hand turn from R639.

Cllr. Keohane said that he could not support the removal of this turn. P. O'Donoghue stated that the turn is unsafe. E. O'Mahony stated that this was the only location where it was proposed to prohibit a turn.

Cllr. Keohane said that the alternative road was unsuitable for all the extra traffic. P. O'Donoghue asked if land acquisition could be done to facilitate an upgrade. E. O'Mahony said that this would impact on the GAA pitch. He also said that the Members had the option to remove the entire project from the scheme.

Cllr. O'Sullivan shared the view of Cllr. Keohane in that the R615 was unsuitable for all the extra traffic and asked if the road could be upgraded. R. Palmer stated that there was no funding available for the upgrade of the R615.

On the proposal of Cllr. Keohane, seconded by Cllr. O'Sullivan, it was agreed that the project be removed from the Part 8 application and could be reconsidered at a later stage subject to funding becoming available for the upgrade of the R615 or other suitable alternative.

Project 13 – Brook Inn Junction

Modification 21 – The pedestrian crossing on the R639 north east of the Brook Inn will be signalised.

Modification 22 – Footways to the Barrymore Development will not be extended to accommodate parking of Heavy Good Vehicles adjacent to Grandons.

Modification 23 – Strategic landscaping and planting will be provided to restrict the likelihood of illegal parking.

Cllr. Barry stated that he had concerns that the proposal seemed to suggest removing a footpath to facilitate the parking of H.G.Vs. E. O'Mahony stated that the footpath was outside the scope of this project and would not have been constructed under the project.

Cllr. O'Sullivan stated that residents were concerned with the access to the houses by Brook Inn and said that the pedestrian crossing will not improve the situation. P. O'Donoghue said that the crossing will benefit pedestrians coming from the bus stop to the houses.

R. Palmer stated that the Dunkettle upgrade will remove much of the traffic using this route and that the proposal will help residents. He also said that this project will be in carried out in Phase 2 so Dunkettle may be finished by then.

G. Keohane asked if it could be ensured that cars turning left from Brook Inn don't need to cross the road to make the turn. E. O'Mahony said that this can be facilitated during the detailed design stage.

Project 14 – Footway Improvements Fernwood to Riverstown

Modification 24 – Pedestrian connectivity between Brookville Estate and Riverstown Village will be improved.

Modification 25 – A raised table will be provided to reduce vehicular traffic speeds within the Fernwood estate.

Project 15 – Glanmire & Riverstown Greenway

Modification 26 – 1.8m high paladin fencing will be provided for the security of Riverstown soccer pitches.

Modification 27 – Vehicular set down spaces will be provided for Brooklodge Primary School, subject to land acquisition.

Modification 28 – Set down and u-turning facilities will be provided along Brooklodge Grove subject to land acquisition.

Modification 29 – CCTV and public lighting will be provided along the greenway for safety and security.

Modification 30 – The vehicular bridge to the Irish Water pumping station will be utilised to provide greenway connectivity to Glanmire Village until a new pedestrian and cyclist bridge is delivered.

Cllr. O’Sullivan asked how many set down spaces will be provided for Brooklodge Primary School. E. O’Mahony said that 6/7 would be provided and that a traffic management plan would have to be worked out with the schools.

Cllr. O’Sullivan stated that the school was seriously concerned with the impact on school users. S. McDonnell said that this measure was necessary to provide full greenway facility.

Project 16 – New Pedestrian and Cyclist Bridge adjacent to existing Glanmire Village

Modification 31 – Having regard to the requirements of Archaeological department of Cork County Council, the exact location of the proposed bridge will be finalised at the detailed design stage.

Project 20 – East Cliff Road Pinch Point

No modification proposed.

All Projects

Modification 32 – A construction traffic management plan is to be developed in consultation with Transport Infrastructure Ireland to coordinate and mitigate the impact of construction traffic on the Glanmire area.

On the proposal of Cllr. O’Cadhla, seconded by Cllr G. Keohane, it was agreed to recommend adoption of the Proposed Part 8 development to full Council subject to the 2 following amendments:

Project 9 Dunkettle Road

At the boundary to the property related to Submission No PE291305462 as submitted by Horgan Carroll Architect, the width of the verge will be reduced to mitigate the impact of the cross section on the property.

Project No 12 - R615/R639 Junction

The project has been removed from the Part 8 application and could be reconsidered at a later state subject to funding becoming available for the upgrade of the R615 or other suitable alternative.

This concluded the business of the meeting

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Municipal District Officer