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To: The Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Boyle Municipal District

Date: Monday, 19 May 2025

Re: Notice of Boyle Municipal District Meeting

Dear Cathaoirleach & Members,

Notice is hereby given that a Meeting of the **Boyle Municipal District** will be held in the **Boyle Municipal Office - Boyle MD Offices** on **Friday, 23rd May, 2025 at 2.30 pm** to discuss the agenda set out below.

You are hereby requested to attend.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Ivor Kilcline'.

Ivor Kilcline
Boyle Municipal District CoOrdinator

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A G E N D A

1. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest (Section 177 of the Local Government Act 2001 as amended)
2. Adoption of the Minutes
 - Minutes of Boyle MD meeting held on 21st March 2025
 - Minutes of Special In Camera Boyle MD Meeting re: Carrick JLAP held on 7th April 2025
 - Minutes of Special Meeting of Boyle MD to approve Part 8 Proposed Development (2houses) at Lisroyne TD Strokestown
3. Matters Arising
4. Proposed development pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) - N5/L60539 Strokestown Road Safety Improvement Scheme
5. Boyle MD Fund 2025 - Proposal Applications for Approval
6. Notices Of Motion M3.25 Cllr Sean Moylan
I call on Roscommon County Council to undertake a study to look at the requirement and/ or viability of traffic calming measures on the R369 at Edenaun, Elphin on the approach from Shankhill.
7. Civic Nominations 2025
8. Correspondence

9. Votes of Congratulations/Sympathy
10. A O B

**DRAFT MINUTES OF Boyle Municipal District HELD IN THE Boyle Municipal Office - Boyle MD Offices
ON Friday, 21st March, 2025 AT 2.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Tom Crosby **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr L. Cull, Cllr S. Moylan, Cllr M. Frain, Cllr L. Callaghan and Cllr V. Byrne.

OFFICIALS: Greg O'Donnell, A/Director of Services
Ivor Kilcline, Municipal District Co Ordinator
Gerardine Lafferty, Staff Officer

Apologies: .

10.25 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (SECTION 177 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 AS AMENDED)

There were no Disclosures of Conflict of Interest declared by Members.

11.25 ADOPTION OF THE MINUTES

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Liam O'Callaghan

SECONDED by Councillor Sean Moylan

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Minutes of the Boyle Municipal District meeting of 7th February 2025 (deferred from 24th January 2025 due to Storm Eowyn).

12.25 MATTERS ARISING

There were no matters arising.

**13.25 SECTION 11 (2) (B) OF THE ROADS ACT 1993 AND ROADS REGULATIONS 1994, PART 2 PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED), SECTION 180 LOCAL GOVERNMENT REFORM ACT 2014 SCHEDULE 3
DECLARATION OF PUBLIC ROAD WITHIN THE HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AT GRANGE MANOR, TULSK.**

Members expressed their support for the taking in charge of development at Grange Manor, Tulska. Issues regarding street lighting and resurfacing of area between main road and foot path were clarified. Members also complimented RCC on its progress in taking these estates in charge and reducing the number of unfinished estates in the region.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that where there is no Bond in place for some unfinished estates, RCC will allocate a budget to progress their taking in charge.

Members will raise the issue of funding from central Government at the next Plenary Meeting.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Liam Callaghan

SECONDED by Councillor Sean Moylan

It was **AGREED** that Section 11 (2) (b) of the Roads Act 1993 and Roads Regulations 1994, Part 2 Planning

and Development Act 2000 (as amended), Section 180 Local Government Reform Act 2014 Schedule 3 - Declaration of public road within the housing development at Grange Manor, Tusk be **APPROVED**.

14.25 DRAFT BOYLE MUNICIPAL DISTRICT ROAD WORKS SCHEME 2025 AS PART OF THE SCHEDULE OF MUNICIPAL DISTRICT WORKS

Members highlighted section of roads that need attention:

- R370 – Carrick to 4Ps – sightlines, bends on road, etc.
- Crossroads at 4Ps – dip in road from Boyle side
- Tusk crossroads on N5
- Roads around N5
- Extended closure of roads around Shankhill area for N61
- Diversions on roads and subsequent damage to those roads
- Pull in areas outside boundary walls
- Safety issues at Frenchpark to Boyle Road – from Junction along The Demense
- Issue of speeding traffic at Croghan Road R370 – Butler’s Cross
- Ballyfarnon to Carrigeenroe L-1006 to L-1013 crosses over with Sligo Co Council
- Kilglass to Ballyleague road joins with R371 – issue with speeding
- Legal challenge to Part 8 works on Clashaganny to Tusk stretch of N61

Mr. Ivor Kilcline stated that the Roads Programme 2025 is as agreed. Any future amendments to programme will be communicated to Members. If members have any queries on the Programme, and wish to follow up further, to please contact Mr. Kilcline.

Mr. Greg O’Donnell asked Members to identify the pull-in areas currently being damaged due to heavy diverted traffic and those likely to be damaged during future diversions. Mr. Ivor Kilcline will follow these up with NRRDO.

Mr. Greg O’Donnell clarified that the Frenchpark to Boyle road section from junction to The Demense can be looked at in conjunction with Garda re speed calming solutions, etc.

Mr. Ivor Kilcline stated that Roscommon Co. Council can discuss issues raised regarding the Ballyfarnon to Carrigeenroe road with Sligo Co. Council. He asked the Cllr Cull would identify those stretches of road and he will follow up with Area Engineer.

Mr. Greg O’Donnell clarified the current status regarding the legal challenge to the Part 8 N61 Tusk to Clashaganny Road Project and the Judicial Review. 7 issues have been raised and are being followed up. Process likely to take years and may have an impact on other phases of the project.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Liam Callaghan

SECONDED by Councillor Valerie Byrne

It was **AGREED** to adopt the Boyle Municipal District Road Works Scheme 2025 as part of the Schedule of Municipal District Works.

15.25 PUBLIC REALM PROJECTS 2025 - FOR APPROVAL

Mr. Ivor Kilcline informed members that the allocation of Public Realm budget had been changed from

€90k per Area to €80k per area resulting in a revised total budget for the Boyle MD of €240k. As a result, the agreed list of projects under Public Realm for 2025 had to be amended. The revised list was circulated to Members.

Members raised the following issues:

- How Public Realm funding/budget is allocated needs to be reviewed.
- Grateful for the funding allocated but disappointed that the allocation was reduced.
- Focus of projects should be on small towns and villages
- This money needed for neglected Boyle area and members must stand up for their communities
- Allocation of budget to Road Sweeping
- Construction, maintenance and repair of footpaths.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell clarified that the Public Realm Budget is specifically for the upkeep of Public Realm projects on completion. Until Public Realm projects are completed, this money can be used this year on other projects selected by members.

It is the role of SPC to look at how this Fund is allocated fairly across the operational areas in the County. Boyle MD got a substantial share of the Fund compared to other MDs.

Mr. Ivor Kilcline clarified that there is no budget for Road Sweeping – currently comes out of Own Resources allocation. Footpaths are funded separately from IPB.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Valerie Byrne

SECONDED by Councillor Liam Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to approve the Public Realm Projects for 2025.

16.25 BOYLE MD FUND 2025 GUIDELINES - FOR APPROVAL

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Leah Cull

SECONDED by Councillor Valerie Byrne

It was **AGREED** to approve the Boyle MD Fund 2025 Guidelines.

17.25 PROPOSAL AMENDMENTS BOYLE MD FUND 2024

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Valerie Byrne

SECONDED by Councillor Leah Cull

It was **AGREED** to approve the Proposal Amendments for the following:

- Tarmonbarry Development & Tidy Towns Association
- Cortober Residents' Association

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Liam Callaghan

SECONDED by Councillor Sean Moylan

It was **AGREED** to approve the deadline for completion of current projects by six months to end September 2025 as requested by Brusna Development Association.

18.25 NOTICES OF MOTION M2.25 CLLR. SEAN MOYLAN

M2.25 Cllr. Sean Moylan Boyle MD Meeting 21-03-2025

I call on Roscommon County Council, (especially in the light of the Post Office moving to Glancy's Supervalu in Cortober, from Main Street in Carrick on Shannon), to install a pedestrian crossing adjacent to Lidl, Supervalu, Supermacs and the cinema complex etc. in order to cross the N4 safely.

The existing pedestrian crossing is not compatible with this retail area,

This is a commercial and residential area of great significance in Co. Roscommon, and it is very important that we make it as accessible as possible for the people of that area.

Roscommon County Council Comment on the Motion:

Proposed works on the N4 national primary would need the approval of and funding from TII. The Boyle MD will assess the location and subject to identifying a safe and suitable location, would propose a crossing as a 2026 national road safety scheme. A road safety audit would also be required to inform the design of the proposed crossing.

Members supported the motion and made the following points:

- Pedestrian crossings like one proposed for Cortober needed in other towns like Elphin.
- Acknowledged the importance of supporting Cortober
- Important to have safe access to Post Office and Cinema.
- Former Cllr. John Cummins acknowledged for call for this crossing – case made stronger now following relocation of Post Office.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell stated that the Council has no issue with the proposal and will seek funding from TII for installation of pedestrian crossing.

19.25 QUESTIONS Q1.25 CLLR. SEAN MOYLAN

Q1.25 Cllr. Sean Moylan – Boyle MD Meeting 21-03-2025

At September's MD meeting, I proposed that the Council Roads Dept. explore the options to deliver a much-needed pedestrian crossing on the N5 in Tusk at or near the school.

Has there been any progress with this motion?

Roscommon County Council Response:

The Roscommon NRRO are preparing plans to provide active travel measures in five towns and villages that will be by-passed by the section of the N5 currently under construction. The Director of Service met with the NRRO after September's MD meeting (2024) and can confirm that said plans include pedestrian facilities at the general location in question. The Director of Service also invited the NRRO to present the proposed active travel plans to the Boyle MD as soon as possible as Part 8s will be required to deliver the schemes. The five towns/villages scheduled for active travel schemes are as follows:

- Frenchpark
- Bellanagare
- Tusk
- Tusk-Rathcroghan
- Strokestown

20.25 CIVIC RECEPTION NOMINATIONS

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Liam Callaghan

SECONDED by Councillor Michéal Frain

It was **AGREED** to honour Michael Greene, Lisacul Handball Club, winner of All Ireland Handball U-15B Singles World Title in Kilkenny in November 2024.

21.25 VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS/SYMPATHY

A vote of sympathy was expressed to John Keaney, Outdoor staff, Boyle AO, on the passing of his mother Bridget who passed away on 19th March 2025.

A vote of sympathy was expressed to the wife and family of Laurence Dowd, Tibohine who passed away on 16th March 2025.

A vote of sympathy was expressed to the wife and family of Jim Flemming, Ballaghaderreen who passed away on 18th March 2025.

A vote of sympathy was expressed to the wife and family of James Cusack, Strokestown, who passed away on 10th February 2025.

22.25 AOB

Members discussed the issues relating to the **Ballaghaderreen Public Realm Part 8 Project**.

Cllr. Tom Crosby informed the meeting that the Public Realm Works were halted following protests and objections by the local people.

Members raised the following issues:

- Issues need to be resolved and correct information available obtained regarding street layout, etc.
- Ballaghaderreen Public Realm project is 50% completed on a project worth €4.5m. Funding from Dept is at risk if project is not fully completed. Financial burden would fall on Roscommon Co. Council.
- The impact of the project not proceeding could lead to huge financial implications for Roscommon Co. Council and impact on future Public Realm projects.
- Contractors have a fixed-price contract within a timeframe and their contract will have to be honoured.
- The Ballaghaderreen Public Realm Part 8 cannot be reversed as Plan has already gone through Planning.
- The safety of the community should be a priority and concerns regarding access to school for Fire Engine or Ambulance, etc. should be addressed to reassure the public.
- Members discussed plans for the town including roundabout on square, provision of off-street parking for the elderly and disabled, turning circle at Flannery's Corner, location of bus stops on Pound Street.
- The issue of car park spaces, how many were lost to the centre of the town and how many would

be replaced at alternative locations adjacent to the town centre.

- Members agreed public statements relating to the Project should be based on facts.
- Businesses in the town are hanging on by a thread and it's important their concerns are listened to.
- Part 8 in other towns have similar concerns regarding car parking and lorries having to mount footpaths, etc.
- Members called for mediation as the way forward to address those areas of concern of the Community and to enable the Project to proceed.

Mr. Greg O'Donnell responded as follows:

- It's very difficult to reverse a Part 8. RCC will endeavour to work within the existing Part 8
- He stated that if RCC cannot complete the Project, could leave Council financially liable for reimbursement of monies claimed from Department. It would set a precedent for other public realm works in the county as there are contractual obligations given to the funding body.
- He informed meeting that RCC has given an undertaking to buy land at The Plots close to the Square to accommodate 50 car parking spaces. He agreed there has to be compromise.
- Corrections/tweaks of issues are allowed within the confines of the plan. Safety Audit done post works will pick up any issues.
- Mediation is on-going and meetings have already taken place.
- He reiterated that stopping the works for a new Part 8 is not really feasibly – current funding would be lost and current project would be incomplete. In addition, Part 8s would be undermined. Funding is given based on Planning which provides certainty for funding and stopping this Part 8 could impact on future projects.

Elphin to Strokestown Lugby Cross

Cllr. Valerie Byrne raised concerns regarding the blind hill on this section of road especially as it's the main road to new N5.

Mr. Ivor Kilcline stated that this will be looked at as part of the Works Programme.

Members noted that this was Mr. Greg O'Donnell's last meeting with the MD. Members complimented him on being very approachable and very supportive of them during his tenurs as Acting Director of Service.

Members welcomed Mr. Kevin Nally as the newly appointed Area Engineer for Strokestown and wished Mr. Anthony McDermott well in his post as Area Engineer for Ballaghaderreen.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Monday, 7th April, 2025.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are

Confirmed and Signed:

Ivor Kilcline

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned

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**DRAFT MINUTES OF Boyle Municipal District HELD IN THE Boyle Municipal Office - Boyle MD Offices
ON Friday, 25th April, 2025 AT 2.30 PM**

PRESENT: Councillor Tom Crosby **PRESIDED**

MEMBERS: Cllr M. Frain, Cllr L. Callaghan and Cllr V. Byrne.

OFFICIALS: Ivor Kilcline, Municipal District Co Ordinator
Gerardine Lafferty, Staff Officer

Apologies: Cllr L. Cull and Cllr S. Moylan.

25.25 DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST (SECTION 177 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2001 AS AMENDED)

There were no Disclosures of Conflict of Interest declared by Members.

26.25 PART 8 (2HOUSES) LISROYNE STROKESTOWN

Mr. John Farrell, Senior Executive Engineer Housing, gave a presentation on the proposed building of 2 units in Lisroyne, Strokestown. 1 unit is a 4-bed single storey unit and the other is a 2-bed single storey unit.

Mr. Farrell read out the CE report which was circulated to all members. He stated that the 4-bed unit was being built for a family with particular needs.

Members raised the following issues:

- What is the cost per unit, and what is the floor area?
- What is the size of the site?
- Submissions were received regarding this planning and issues were raised – has the landowner been informed.

Mr. Farrell stated that the site is 0.25 of an acre, cost per unit is approximately €300k and the floor area for the 4-bed unit is 61 sq. m. and for the 2-bed unit 30 sq. m.

As per normal planning objections, the landowner is not responded to but the site plan has been modified in line with the submissions.

27.25 BOYLE MD ROADS PROGRAMME 2025 - AMENDMENT

Mr. Anthony McDermott, Area Engineer, Ballaghaderreen Area stated that amendments were made to the approved Roads Programmes in March 2025 in the Ballaghaderreen Area. The amendments are to the SD Programme and are in line with Department of Transport regulations.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Valerie Byrne
SECONDED by Councillor Michéal Frain

It was **AGREED** to adopt the amended Roads Programme 2025.

28.25 AOB

Members raised the following issues:

IDA Meeting: Meeting held with IDA on Thursday 24th April. IDA is looking to identify sites for development, especially sites with pre-planning in place and including brown field sites.

NWRA/TII meeting: MD and RCC to give list of roads projects that have not progressed to the NWRA for discussion with TII to get them moving forward.

Croghan Enterprise

Croghan Enterprise Company Ltd. has requested to change their Boyle MD Fund 2024 proposal to the Croghan Enterprise Company. They had applied under Croghan Community Group in error.

On the **PROPOSAL** of Councillor Valerie Byrne

SECONDED by Councillor Liam Callaghan

It was **AGREED** to allow the change of name from Croghan Community Group to Croghan Enterprise Company Ltd.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Friday, 23rd May, 2025.

This concluded the business of the meeting.

The foregoing Minutes are

Confirmed and Signed:

Ivor Kilcline

Meetings Administrator

Cathaoirleach

Countersigned



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**Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended)
Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) - Part 8**

CHIEF EXECUTIVE'S REPORT

SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT BY A LOCAL AUTHORITY IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 179 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED) AND ARTICLE 81 OF PART 8 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED).

**SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT: N5/L60539 STROKESTOWN
ROAD SAFETY IMPROVEMENT SCHEME**

Specified Development:

This Road safety Improvement Scheme has been designed by Roscommon County Council to address the safety issues with the current N5/L60539 junction layout and St Mary's primary school entrance in Strokestown on the N5. The project includes the provision of widened footpaths, narrowing of the carriageway, junction improvement and includes hard and soft landscaping. The design will deliver a continuous walking route and safe crossing points at the desired location. It will provide a safer junction adjacent to the national school while also improving pedestrian & cycle links to the school from the town centre. The proposed scheme will link in with the *Strokestown Town Centre First Public Realm Project* which includes controlled pedestrian crossings, carriageway narrowing and enhanced footpaths throughout the town centre.

Safety Objectives of the Proposed Scheme:

- Encourage vehicles to reduce speed on approach and through the urban centre of Strokestown.
- Create a safer junction at the Primary School and promote active travel links to the school and the town.
- Improve sightlines when exiting the L-60539 and St Marys School.
- Provide continuity to St Marys School of pedestrian and cycle facilities in the town centre, delivered under the current public realm scheme.
- Reduce illegal manoeuvres including U-turns at this junction.

Statutory Procedures:

This Chief Executive report forms part of the statutory procedure for the preparation of the local authority own development proposals and is prepared in accordance with the requirements of Section 179(3)(b) of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, as amended, and Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (As Amended). The purpose of this Chief Executive Report is primarily to provide an account of the submissions/observations that have been received as part of the public consultation process on the proposed N5/L60539 Traffic Safety Scheme.

In accordance with the requirements of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) the following procedures were followed:

- Notice of the proposed development was published in the Roscommon People on the 14 March 2025
- The notice was circulated to the Elected Members for their information
- A public site notice was erected at the location of the proposed development
- Plans and particulars of the proposed development were on public display for a period of four weeks from the 14 March 2025
- Submissions or observations were accepted up to and including 25 April 2025

Referrals:

Internal Departments

- Municipal District Engineer
- Planning Department
- Water Services Department
- Housing Department
- Corporate Services
- Community and Enterprise
- National Road Design Office

Prescribed Bodies:

- Transport Infrastructure Ireland
- National Heritage Council
- Department of Housing, Local Government and Heritage

Supporting Documents attached

- Appendix A – Submissions
- Appendix B – Planning Report
- Appendix C – Notices of Proposed Development
- Appendix D – Drawings

Submissions Summary

Six submissions were received. In general, most of the submissions had positive comments regarding improving safety at the school gates. Some felt that there was no need for the scheme, as they did not feel there was an issue, and some concern was expressed regarding the reduction of parking at the heritage centre from four to two spaces. The board of management are very supportive of the proposed works and feel that the works can't come soon enough as for the past twenty years this area has been an area of high risk of an accident occurring. The board feels that the works must proceed or there will be a serious accident at this gate. Some comments were made about finishes and landscaping, these have been taken on board by the design team. See Appendix A for full details of the submissions.

Conclusions

As part of TII's ongoing commitment under the HD15 road safety program to provide safe and efficient national roads, funding has been provided to improve safety on the N5 route through Strokestown. Roscommon County Council have designed the proposed scheme to address the safety issues at the N5/L60539 junction located adjacent to St Marys Primary School. The proposed scheme will address the safety issues raised in recent TII road safety inspections and will provide a much safer environment at the junction particularly for schoolchildren and vulnerable road users. Reducing the carriageway width and regularising the existing uncontrolled parking and turning movements at the school junction will create a much safer environment for all road users. Elements of the Safe Routes to School design have been added to the scheme to further highlight the presence of the school to drivers. The scheme as proposed will have an overall impact of reducing vehicle speeds on approach to the town and incorporates design elements that complement the upcoming town centre first public realm scheme. The overall scheme as designed contains all the features required to address the HD15 safety issues at this location.

Recommendation

The proposed development accords well with the policies and objectives as well as the development management guidelines and standards of the Roscommon County Development Plan 2022-2028 and thus accords with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area. I recommend that the development hereby presented in this report be proceeded with.



Shane Tiernan
Chief Executive

Date: 16th May 2025

Appendix A: Submissions

Six submissions were received regarding the proposed development. The submissions, summarised below, have been fully considered.

No.	Name if Individual/Group/Organisation	Address's	Area within Proposed Development to which submission relates	Concern within Proposed Development to which submission relates	Submission Summary	Response
1	Board of Management St. Mary's Primary School	Lisroyne Strokestown	Part 8	None	We write in support of safety work to be completed where the entrance to St. Mary's Primary School meets the N5. The school had a recent Health and Safety inspection from the HSA. The officer advised that this work needed to proceed as soon as possible.	Comments are noted and taken on board by the design team.
2	Eibhlin King	Strokestown	Road Safety	Road Safety	I am asking that a pedestrian crossing is added to this plan so that children/ adults can cross the road safely to the school. Also consider putting in speed bumps on the approaching roads into and out of town.	This submission is acknowledged and safe crossing facilities at the junction is an integral part of the design. The provision of speed bumps on the N5 is outside the scope of this scheme.
3	Jonathan Cassidy	Strokestown	Part 8	Design, functionality & landscaping	The development requires greater emphasis on drop offs for students. The lands available in front of the old convent could be utilised to provide parking/drop off for both St Mary's and Scoil Mhuire. The landscaping needs to be minimal to reduce the over burdening on volunteers in particular the Tidy Town Group. Finish material should be of a high quality and standard to assist in creating a clean aesthetic to the "gateway" point when	Comments in this submission regarding the provision of alternative facilities for student drop off on private lands is outside the scope of the proposed development. One of the main elements of the proposed scheme is the provision of a continuous 3m wide shared pathway/cycleway so schoolchildren can access the

				entering the town from the West. Access points should be of a low angle of entry to assist in creating gentle points of entry to the footpaths. The new junction should allow for safe access and egress to current and future residents. The current proposal should be considered adaptive to future and further measures such as lighting, pedestrian crossings, ramps to assist in creating that "gateway" and reducing speeds on traffic entering from the current N5	primary school safety from the large amount of parking available on Church Street which is within 200m of the school gate. Landscaping and finishes comments have been taken on board by the design team and will be considered. Many elements of the submission are already included in the design.
4	John Dolan	Strokestown	Part 8	Loss of parking	<p>Mr Dolan does not feel there is any safety issue at the school gates. He was dropped off there and now he drops his children off at the school gate, he does not agree with reducing the car parking spaces at the school and feels that traffic calming needs to be done on either side of the school junction. The historical grounds at the church attracts many visitors passing by, who stop and have a look at a piece of Strokestown's history.</p> <p>The current scheme as designed already includes design features to provide traffic calming on the N5. Although some parents may not witness any safety issues at this location while they stop quickly and drop children off the school principal has conveyed serious safety concerns to the design team with respect to uncontrolled parking at school times, vehicle u turns, cars passing by the school gate at speed while accessing the L60539 and difficulty for pedestrians to safely cross the junction. The reduction by two of the parking spaces at the Heritage Centre is required to facilitate the 3m shared pathway which is an integral part of the proposed scheme. Two spaces are remaining for staff parking.</p>

5	Eileen Beirne	Strokestown	Part 8	Safety on the N5	<p>Ms Beirne has safety concerns regarding the N5 road and more specifically the section of road passing the Maples housing estate. Ms Beirne says that residents of The Maples have been raising safety concerns in relation to this road for several years and are requesting extra traffic calming and safety interventions on the N5.</p>	<p>Safety concerns on the N5 at the Maples are acknowledged. This is outside the scope of the proposed scheme however the road design team will review collision data at this location with TII road safety representatives.</p>
6	Allen Dolan	Strokestown	Part 8	Technical Observations	<p>Please consider increasing parking from 2 to 3 or 4 spaces at the heritage centre. Please consider hard landscaping such as decorative paving for the landscaped areas. Has the scheme been autotracked for large vehicles that may require access? Is the scheme necessary considering the town will be bypassed soon? Will there be an impact on adjoining streets if people are looking for a new drop off area? Will there be an issue with parents still trying to drop children off in an area with less space following the works. I fully understand and appreciate the rationale behind this proposal. The addition of a designated pedestrian route across this junction is a welcome improvement. My comments are simply observations, not objections.</p>	<p>The design team acknowledge the overall support for the safety scheme from Mr Dolan and have taken on board the comments. We will not be introducing paving as an alternative to grass in the landscaped areas as this could lead to illegal parking which will cause a traffic hazard. The reduction by two of the parking spaces at the Heritage Centre is required to facilitate the 3m shared pathway, which is an integral part of the proposed scheme. Two spaces are remaining for staff parking. The design has been autotracked for vehicles such as fire trucks & refuse trucks.</p>

Appendix A - Submissions

URN	Submission	User ID	Observation	Author	Body	Date
ROS-C7-LF25-1	ROS-C7-LF25-1 Proposal for Road Safety Improvement	468	Road Safety	Eibhlin King	I am asking that a pedestrian crossing is added to this plan so that children/ adults can cross the road safely to the school. There are Brothers of Charity accommodation down that road and would allow these adults as well my own daughter with additional needs to cross independently and safely. Also consider putting in speed bumps on the approaching roads into and out of town.	07.04.2025 - 13:15
ROS-C7-LF25-2	ROS-C7-LF25-2 Part 8 Strokestown Road Safety Improvement N5/L60539	487	Part 8	Jonathan Cassidy	The development requires greater emphasis on drop offs for students. The lands available in front of the old convent could be utilised to provide parking/drop off for both St Mary's and Scoil Mhuire. Utilising the Strokestown Town Team on this project could yield a solution for that enquire area for sporting events. The landscaping needs to be minimal to reduce the over burdening on volunteers in particular the Tidy Town Group. Grass verges to be mown monthly will suffice and the maintenance can be included as part of the public realm enhancement/maintenance budget. Finish material should be of a high quality and standard to assist in creating a clean aesthetic to the "gateway" point when entering the town from the West. This will aid the upkeep and elevate the appearance of a high-class residential town for prospective residents and visitors. Access points should be of a low angle of entry to assist in creating gentle points of entry to the footpaths to assist autonomy with the residents of Strokestown who may have a need for additional support or opportunities. With the Brothers of Charity maximising the town for supporting its members, the town, its functionality and walkways needs to exceed their needs, not meet them.	24.04.2025 - 21:31
ROS-C7-LF25-2	ROS-C7-LF25-2 Part 8 Strokestown Road Safety Improvement N5/L60539	487	Part 8	Jonathan Cassidy	The upcoming proposed development in close proximity to the area also needs to be facilitated in ensuring the junction allows for safe access and egress to current and future residents. I understand that once the N5 is downgraded, other traffic calming measures will become available, the current proposal should be considered adaptive to future and further measures such as lighting, pedestrian crossings, ramps to assist in creating that "gateway" and reducing speeds on traffic entering from the current N5	24.04.2025 - 21:31
ROS-C7-LF25-3	ROS-C7-LF25-3 Parking	458	Part 8	John Dolan	Never an issue here. I was dropped off at school here for both primary and secondary school and now I'm doing the same for my children. reducing the car parking spaces is only going to increase the chance of an accident. Traffic calming needs to be done on either side of the school junction and the road to Cloonslanor and with the new bypass, traffic should be dramatically reduced. Now is the time to utilise what we got in Strokestown i.e. the schools and the historical centre. not closing them down by taking the parking away. The historical grounds at the church attract a lot of visitors passing by who stop and have a look at a piece of Strokestown's history.	25.04.2025 - 10:23
n/a	N5/L60539 Strokestown, Road Safety Improvement Scheme	n/a	Part 8	Allen Dolan	The reduction of car parking spaces outside the Heritage Centre is concerning. This facility can be quite busy with tourists seeking to explore their roots and heritage. Reducing the number of parking spaces will likely impact its accessibility. While the facility may currently be underused, one would hope that in time this may change with the amenity re-structured for other potential tourism uses. Please consider increasing parking from 2 to 3 or 4 spaces. The current arrangement of two car spaces makes parking difficult. The shortened longitudinal distances force users to parallel park instead of driving straight into a space, which will cause issues at this location. How is this risk addressed in the risk assessment? The P4 areas - "proposed Landscaped Area with low level planting 300mm to 500mm high" - this proposal simply does not work adjacent to trafficked roadways, on National or Regional routes. The planting becomes choked with dirt and residue from the adjacent road surface. Recent attempts of such planting has failed miserably on a similar project by RCC on Bridge St, see photos attached. Such landscaping plans also require a lot of ongoing maintenance, generally relying on local community groups. Please consider alternative hard landscaping incorporating decorative planters which raises the plants above GL, or simply install hard landscaping other than concrete (native limestone cobble sets for example).	18/04/2025
					The AutoTrack for cars turning into St Mary's coming from the west is identified as a problem within your documentation, with traffic having to cross over to the other lane to enter - this appears to be rectified - how was it achieved? Maybe the kerb line was altered, if so, please ignore comment.	
					There does not appear to be any analysis (AutoTrack) carried out for larger vehicles entering the grounds of St Mary's, how does deliveries arrive and what are the plans for emergency vehicles, e.g. Fire tender.	
					The current AADT is 6261 with 11% HGV's - once the new bypass is in place, 2027 or probably sooner, the AADT will be significantly reduced (google says 2000 but traffic along Church St will be the smallest), therefore is there a need for the proposed measures? Would a simple traffic calming solution be more suited in the interim?	

					The proposed changes aim to prevent parents from using the current area for school drop-offs and collections. Has the impact of the increased traffic on alternative routes been analysed? The current drop-off and collection area around the community centre is already overcrowded, causing significant congestion during peak times, especially for those living within the adjacent housing estate.	
					The current proposal may address the issue of people using the current space as a U turn opportunity coming from the East, however it does not address people still utilising the proposed 2 entrances as drop off zones, people can still approach from the West and pull in at either the 1st or 2nd entrance and drop children off, this is going to cause significantly increased risk. How is this risk mitigated in the current Risk Assessment?	
n/a	N5/L60539 Strokestown, Road Safety Improvement Scheme	n/a	Part 8	Eileen Beirne	I am writing to formally express my ongoing concerns regarding the safety of the N5 road adjacent to Scoil Mhuire National School and, more specifically, the section near The Maples residential estate in Strokestown. Please find below a summary of the key issues and requests. Residents of The Maples have been raising safety concerns in relation to this road for several years, including coverage in a Roscommon Herald article as early as August 2020. Despite this, only minimal safety measures such as double white lines and limited signage have been introduced. We respectfully request the implementation of flashing warning signs on both approaches to The Maples estate, electronic speed display signs, and more prominent 'No Overtaking' signage. Repeated responses to resident concerns have included references to Transport Infrastructure Ireland (TII), the future Strokestown bypass, and claims of sufficient existing signage. Key risks include the danger posed by overtaking vehicles near estate entrances, frequent use of the route by school children, and pedestrian activity associated with the crèche in Cloonslanor. I am willing to meet with Council staff, engineers, or elected representatives to walk the route and highlight daily safety concerns. Past suggestions such as speed vans or Garda patrols have limited effectiveness, as drivers often flash lights to warn oncoming traffic. The speed limit increases to 100 km/h immediately after a hazardous bend near The Maples, a location with a history of fatalities. This is followed by inconsistent road markings such as "SLOW, SLOWER," which are confusing. I would greatly appreciate if an engineer could contact me to discuss these matters further. I can be reached at 087 6413107 or by post at 7 The Maples, Strokestown, F42 DD54.	14/04/25
n/a	N5/L60539 Strokestown, Road Safety Improvement Scheme	n/a	Part 8	Board Of Management St Mary's National School	We write in support of safety work to be completed where the entrance to St. Mary's Primary School meets the N5. The school Board have been aware of this project since early 2024. Drawings/maps have been supplied to the school Board of Management by Roscommon County Council and have been examined at Board meetings. For the past twenty years this area has been an area of high risk of an accident occurring. There is an increased volume of traffic on the N5 at the school gate and many of the vehicles are trucks travelling at speed. For many years the local Gardai patrolled this area from time to time in the am at 9am. They visited the classrooms and spoke to the pupils. The Principal sent letters to parents at the beginning of each term. There was an agreement that no pupils would be dropped off at this gate. Parents are advised every term to park at the Community Centre and to accompany their children on foot to the rear gate of the school. Parents bring their children to the rear gate and come to the playground to collect pupils at 1.50pm and 2.50pm. No pupil is allowed leave the school without an adult accompanying them. Unfortunately, some cars swing in at speed, block the front gate and have no heed of pedestrians walking to school from Cloonslanor, the Maples and Lisnaree. Unless the work proceeds some morning there will be a serious accident at this gate. The school had a recent Health and Safety inspection from the HSA. The officer advised that this work needed to proceed as soon as possible. She observed what was happening at the gate at 2.50pm.	22/04/25
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Appendix B – Planning Report

Planning Ref.	PD/25/21
Description of development:	Part 8 – N5/L60539 Strokestown Road Safety Improvement
Location	Lisroyne Townland, Strokestown, Co.
Applicant(s)	Roscommon County
Planning Operational	Roscommon

Overview of Development Proposal

The development proposal is located within the urban environs of Strokestown at the intersection between the N5 and L60593. The proposed works essentially aim to provide road safety improvements associated with a new junction between the N5 and L-60593 roads to improve access/egress arrangements from the junction, sight lines, along with vehicular and pedestrian safety.

Environmental Considerations and Appropriate Assessment

Within designated site(s): No

Adjacent to designated sites(s): No

Details of designated site(s) and distance from application site:

The site is c.2.5km from Annaghmore Lough (Roscommon) SAC – 001626.

Accompanied by Appropriate Assessment Screening: Yes

The report has concluded that an AA of the proposed development is not required as it can be excluded on the basis of objective information provided in the AA Screening Report, that the proposed development, individually or in combination with other plans or projects, will not have a significant effect on any European sites. (See detail contained within the report on file)

EIA Screening Checklist and associated conclusion outlining EIA is not required has been noted.

Planning Policy

ROSCOMMON COUNTY DEVELOPMENT PLAN (RCDP) 2022 - 2028

In terms of the provision of an improved public infrastructure, Chapter 7: Infrastructure, Transport and Communications promotes the maintenance and enhancement of the public road network throughout the county, in order to improve movement, access and safety for all road users.

It is considered that the proposed development is designed to create a safer environment for both pedestrian and vehicular movement in the area.

Having regard to the nature of works set out in this Part 8 application, it is considered that this proposed scheme accords with the principals and associated policy objectives set out in the current Roscommon County Development Plan.

Planning Assessment

The works outlined above are intended to address public safety and improved traffic movements in this area, adjoining the secondary school. This development will have a positive impact on how pedestrian and traffic movements take place at this location.

Plan detail as submitted, provides a sufficiently detailed schedule of works. The works outlined are considered appropriate in terms of layout and design.

Conclusion

In consideration of the foregoing, it is concluded that the proposed scheme accords well with the current overarching policy objectives, as well as the development management guidelines and standards of the Roscommon County Development Plan 2022–2028 and thus accords with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area.

Recommendation

In the event this development proceeds, consideration should be given to the following:

- All surface finishes should be of high quality and durable to support the integrity of the public road infrastructure in the area, incorporating appropriate surface water treatment proposals.



Signed: _____
Brian Farragher
SEP

Date: 25/04/2025

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Roscommon County Council



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ROSCOMMON COUNTY COUNCIL
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000 (AS AMENDED)
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS 2001 (AS AMENDED) - PART 8

NOTICE IN RELATION TO SPECIFIED DEVELOPMENT

Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 (as amended) and Article 81 of Part 8 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended) that Roscommon County Council proposes to carry out the following development:

N5/L60539 Strokestown, Road Safety Improvement Scheme

The proposed works will introduce various engineering measures enabling the N5/L60539 junction and St Marys Primary School access to operate more efficiently and safely. The continuation of a new-shared surface pathway will promote sustainable options for children accessing the school from available parking in the town centre thereby reducing congestion at the school gate. Redesign of the N5/L60539 junction will create a much safer environment for vulnerable road users to cross the junction. Introduction of road markings and signage in accordance with the *Safe Routes to School* program will increase driver awareness and reduce vehicle speeds.

The project involves:

- Site clearance works
- Footpath and pavement improvement works
- Landscaping
- Other ancillary works including the provision of traffic signs, road markings, kerbs, street lighting and utility diversions

An Appropriate Assessment screening report in respect of the development has been carried out and is available for inspection. The report concluded that the development does not need to proceed to Stage 2 Appropriate Assessment. In accordance with Article 120 (3), as amended by S.I. No. 296 of 2018, a person may, within four weeks beginning on the date of the publication of this notice apply to An Bord Pleanála for a screening determination as to whether the development would be likely to have significant effects on the environment. Such a submission should be addressed to the Secretary, An Bord Pleanála, 64, Marlborough Street, Dublin, 1.

Plans and Particulars of the proposed development may be inspected or purchased (at a fee not exceeding the reasonable cost of making a copy) for a period of **four weeks from 14th March 2025** during public opening hours at the offices of Roscommon County Council, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon Town F42 VR98. Plans and particulars may also be viewed online on the Roscommon County Council website at www.roscommoncoco.ie

A submission or observation in relation to the proposed development, dealing with the proper planning and sustainable development of the area in which the development would be situated, may be made, in writing or via email before **25th April 2025**, marked "N5/L60539 Strokestown, Road Safety Improvement Scheme" and submitted to: Roscommon County Council, Roads and Transportation Department, Áras an Chontae, Roscommon Town F42 VR98 or roads@roscommoncoco.ie

Signed: Greg O'Donnell, A/Director of Services

Date of Notice: **14th March 2025**

Cover Sheet	RS-2024-SPR-000-REV01
Location and Layout	RS-2024-SPR-001-REV01
Longitudinal Profiles	RS-2024-SPR-002-REV01
Forward Visibility	RS-2024-SPR-003-REV01
Drainage	RS-2024-SPR-004-REV01
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