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Public Consultation – Response

Part 8 - Proposed Monkstown Active Travel Link and Public Realm Enhancement, Monkstown, Co. Cork

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Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for giving the general public and stakeholders the opportunity to feed into the proposed Monkstown Active Travel Link and Public Realm Enhancement. The Transport and Mobility Forum, Cork (TMF) is a cross-sectoral representative group of organisations who have a common interest in sustainable travel *. The TMF fully supports measures and policies promoting sustainable and active travel. Sustainable and Active Travel (cycling and walking) help to reduce congestion on roads, improve air quality, support a low carbon economy, reduce noise pollution and improve public health.

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As such it is the TMF's aim to support the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-Being), SDG 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities) and SDG 13 (Climate Action).

Overview

We broadly support this proposed scheme, as it will reduce motor traffic speed through the town centre and improve the safety, comfort, accessibility, and desirability of this section of road for cyclists and pedestrians by provision of a segregated, wide active travel path.

We would also have liked to have seen or to see in the near future further provision for a 30kph speed limit.

We feel that the proposed scheme strikes a good balance between providing an inviting and pleasant public realm, good safety and access for pedestrians, and a safe and practical route for cyclists. We have some concern over conflicts between pedestrians and cyclists at the bus stop, we note that measures have been taken to reduce this conflict and other than this we feel a good balance has been achieved.

Regarding the segregated cycling facility, we welcome this as another important piece of the proposed Lee-to-Sea Greenway. The proposed active travel path is another step to closing the gap in the Lee-to-Sea between Passage West and Carrigaline.

We are disappointed at the number of car parking spaces proposed to be provided. In particular we are disappointed that the number of spaces in the existing park was not further reduced, as free parking such as this provides a pull factor for greater vehicle traffic which is always hazardous to pedestrians and cyclists as well as damaging to the amenity of the area, as well as the passage across the footpath and cycle lane of the vehicles entering and leaving the car park presents a hazard which is best minimized by minimizing the number of vehicles making that crossing.

We would be obliged to further participate in the discourse and planning processes around active travel schemes as we feel that TMF can provide valuable input into the process. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any time at tmfcork@gmail.com.

Kind regards

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