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February Council Meeting – Supplementary Item

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

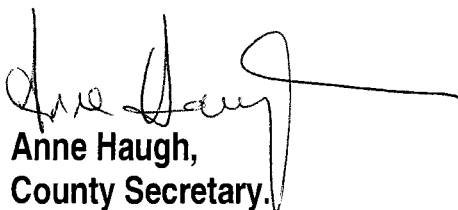
I refer to the agenda for Meeting of the Council to be held on Monday next, 27th February, 2006, and attach herewith supplementary item, Item No. 21A, which was inadvertently omitted from the agenda.

21A Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors N. Collins and P. McAuliffe

We move at the next meeting that immediate steps be taken to fully provide the Playgrounds planned in each of the five Electoral Areas in addition to the Neighbourhood Parks in the City Environs and, furthermore, that the Council will also fully assist other known Community Based Groups throughout the County who are presently seeking to provide additional playgrounds through their own resources."

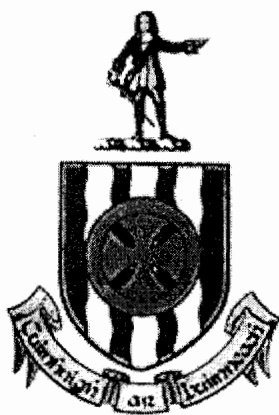
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Is mise le meas,


Anne Haugh,
County Secretary.

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Comhairle Contae Luimnigh



CRUINIÚ MHÍ FEABHRA

MONDAY, 27TH FEBRUARY, 2006,

AT 2.30 P.M.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL

AGENDA AND DOCUMENTATION

PRAYER

A Thiarna Dia,

Is uaitse a thagann gach údarás ar talamh. Cuir do bheannacht orainn agus sinn ag plé riachtanais ár gcontae. Go ndéanaimid ár gcinnte de réir d'eagna, agus go gcuirtear i bhfeidhm iad le cneastacht agus cúram. Sin é ár nguí chugat trí Chríost ár dTiarna.

Amen.

O Lord God,

You are the source of all human authority. Bless us in our deliberations on the needs of this our county. May our decisions be guided by your wisdom and put into effect with charity and concern. This we ask through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH
LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL**

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(County Secretary's Office),
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(County Hall),
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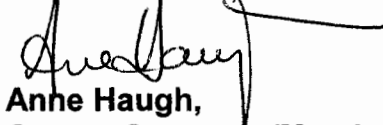
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A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Iarrtar ort a bheith i láthair ag Cruinniú de Chomhairle Chontae Luimnigh a bheidh ar siúl i Seomra na Comhairle, Halla an Chontae, Tuar an Daill, Contae Luimnigh, ar an Luan, an 27ú Feabhra, 2006, ar a 2.30p.m. Tá an gnó a bheidh le déanamh leagtha amach ar an Agenda breise.

You are requested to attend Meeting of Limerick County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, County Hall, Dooradoyle, Co. Limerick, on **Monday, 27th February, 2006, at 2.30pm**. The business to be transacted is set out on the appended Agenda.

Is mise le meas,


Anne Haugh,
County Secretary/Meetings Administrator.

C L Á R

1. Miontuairiscí

To adopt Minutes of Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 23rd January, 2006.

2. Disposal of Land

To consider proposal for the disposal of land at:

(a) Towerfield, Croom.

(Statutory Notice dated 31st January, 2006, already circulated)

(b) Askeaton.

(Statutory Notice dated 16th February, 2006, already circulated, together with report from Director)

3. Finance

Rate Collection Account 2005

To note report from the Head of Finance on Rate Collection Account 2005.

(Report Enclosed)

4. Housing

Cluid Housing Association Limited

To consider approving the raising of loans of €55,289 and €34,144 for Cluid Housing Association towards the provision of 15 units of accommodation at Knockane, Newcastle West, and 8 units of accommodation at Ballingarry, respectively, subject to the terms and conditions of the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme (formerly Rental Subsidy Scheme), in accordance with Section 6(2) of the Housing (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1992.

(Report Enclosed)

5. Transportation and Water Services

(a) 2006 National Roads Allocations

To note correspondence dated 24th January, 2006, from the National Roads Authority notifying 2006 National Road Grant Allocations.

(Report and copy of Circular Enclosed)

(b) 2006 Non-National Road Grant Allocations

To note correspondence dated 27th January, 2006, from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government notifying 2006 Non-National Road Grant Allocations.

(Report and copy of Circular Enclosed)

(c) 2006 Department of Transport Grant Allocations

To note correspondence dated 30th January, 2006, from the Department of Transport notifying 2006 Department of Transport Grant Allocations.

(Report and copy of Circular Enclosed)

(d) Construction of New Swimming Pool and Lelsure Centre at Askeaton – Deed of Covenant and Charge

To consider resolution in accordance with Section 66 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

(Report Enclosed)

(e) Part VIII Procedures – Upgrading of Sewage Treatment Plant in Doon – Small Towns and Villages Initiative

To consider report, prepared pursuant to Section 179 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, and Part VIII of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, in relation to proposed upgrading of Sewage Treatment Plant in Doon.

(Report Enclosed)

(f) Extinguishment of Public Rights-of-Way at Glenmore Lawn, Caherdavin

To consider the Extinguishment of Public Rights-of-Way at Glenmore Lawn, Caherdavin, in accordance with Section 73 of the Roads Act, 1993.

(Report Enclosed)

6. Planning and Development

Taking in Charge of Estates – Declaration of Roads to be Public Roads

To consider the taking-in-charge of Cill Chluain, Church Street, Rathkeale, in accordance with Section 180 of the Planning and Development Act, 2000, and Section 11 of the Roads Act, 1993.

(Report Enclosed)

7. Environment and Emergency Services

Corporate Building Programme

To consider report from Director, Environment and Emergency Services, dated 14th February, 2006, in relation to funding of the Corporate Building Programme.

(Report Enclosed)

8. Conferences

To consider participation by Members at the following Conferences:

- (a) Merriman Winter School 2006 held in Westport, Co. Mayo, from 27th to 29th January, 2006.
- (b) Media Skills Seminar for Councillors held in Clarinbridge, Co. Galway, on 28th January, 2006.
- (c) Wicklow County Tourism and East Coast and Midlands Tourism Conference and Workshop held in Newtownmountkennedy, Co. Wicklow, on 15th and 16th February, 2006.
- (d) Cork County Council's Annual Mayor's Conference to be held in Macroom, Co. Cork, on 2nd March, 2006.
- (e) A Journey of Remembering – Island of Ireland Peace Park – Pathfinding Conference, to be held in Dublin on 3rd March, 2006.
- (f) Ireland's National Environment Conference – EnviroBusiness 06 – to be held in Dublin on 8th/9th March, 2006.
- (g) Association of County and City Councils' Annual Conference 2006 to be held in Dundalk, Co. Louth, from 9th to 11th March, 2006.
- (h) 8th Irish and UK Local Authorities Standing Conference on Nuclear Hazards to be held in London, U.K., on 23rd March, 2006.
- (i) Carlow 4th Annual Tourism Conference to be held in Carlow on 23rd/24th March, 2006.
- (j) The Law of Defamation (Libel and Slander) as it affects Councillors – Seminar for Councillors to be held in Tralee, Co. Kerry, on 8th April, 2006.
- (k) Local Authorities Members' Association: Local Government – Delivering the Future Now – to be held in Kilkenny on 20th/21st April, 2006.
- (l) 15th Annual Kerry Environmental Recognition Conference/Rattoo Heritage Centre, to be held in Ballybunion, Co. Kerry, from 26th to 29th April, 2006.
- (m) Drogheda Cross Border Focus: The Battle of the Boyne – its Legacy – to be held in Drogheda, Co. Louth, on 27th/29th April, 2006.
- (n) Sherkin Island Marine Station 22nd Annual Environmental Conference – The Cost of Waste Disposal – to be held in Carrigaline, Co. Cork, on 4th/5th May, 2006.

- (o) Enhancing an Enterprise Culture – The Role of Local Authorities, to be held in Ennis, Co. Clare, on 25th/26th May, 2006.
- (p) Southern and Eastern Regional Assembly 7th Annual Regional Assembly Conference – Delivering Community and Local Development – to be held in Naas, Co. Kildare, on 26th May, 2006.

(Details already circulated electronically and Report Enclosed)

QUESTIONS

Questions submitted by Councillor P. O'Donovan

- 9. I will ask at the next meeting how many approved applicants are currently on the Limerick County Council housing list.
- 10. I will ask at the next meeting how many affordable houses have been constructed in Co. Limerick, with the support of Limerick County Council, since the inception of this scheme and what plans, if any, are there to increase the availability of affordable houses in Co. Limerick.
- 11. I will ask at the next meeting if the Council has a plan to improve the road surface, footpaths and drainage in Knockaderry, what the expected cost is and when it is anticipated to commence works there.

Question submitted by Councillor M. Harty

- 12. I will ask at the next meeting what plans Limerick County Council has in place to upgrade Bloodmill Road in Ballysimon.

Question submitted by Councillor M. Jackman

- 13. I will ask at the next meeting the current position regarding the future availability of land in the Castletroy Neighbourhood Park for recreational and educational use.

Questions submitted by Councillor K. O'Donnell

- 14. I will ask at the next meeting what is the current status on the recruitment of additional environmental enforcement staff with a view to dealing with the increase in illegal dumping.

15. I will ask at the next meeting what plans are in place regarding the preparation of a Local Area Plan for Murroe.

Question submitted by Councillor D. Naughton

16. I will ask at the next meeting what legal options are available to an individual Councillor, or to the Council as a body, to prevent an increase in production at Aughinish Alumina due to animal health problems in the immediate vicinity.

NOTICES OF MOTION

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. O'Donovan

17. I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council call on the Minister for Environment, Heritage and Local Government to make funding available for translation services for the official languages of the EU to local authorities so as to allow them provide information on the various local authority services to the immigrant community; that Limerick County Council avail of the local media and other communications methods to make information on the various Council services and roles available in the principle languages of the immigrant community within Co. Limerick; and that the information would be available in, and circulated to, the social groups, networks, shops and workplaces of migrants into Co. Limerick.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

18. I will move at the next meeting (a) that immediate works be carried out at the scenic view at the top of Barnagh, i.e. that the area be re-surfaced; (b) that the rubbish be cleaned up; (c) that the illegal dumping of rubbish be monitored; and (d) that the Council relay its concerns to the local Superintendent.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor Sheahan (J)

19. I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council write to the Minister for Finance asking him to revise the current exit restrictions placed on persons who have a personal pension plan so as more flexibility can be ensured as to when and how they can access their monies on retirement, i.e. full control of their accumulated fund, full access to taxable cash, access to their fund in special circumstances (redundancy, ill health or unforeseen financial difficulties).

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Harty

- 20.** I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council seek funding from central government to carry out drainage works on critical areas of the Mulcair River and its tributaries.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor M. Collins

- 21.** I will move at the next meeting that the services of a town planner be made available by the Planning Department to the town of Newcastle West and in doing so that the Local Area Plan for Newcastle West be looked at in relation to best planning practice for future development in the town.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor J. Scanlan

- 22.** I will move at the next meeting that, in the interests of transparency and those of Better Local Government, our citizens are in future informed of all increased service costs as may apply to them from time to time by way of public advertisement signalled at least three months in advance of the relating price increase.

Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. O'Donnell

- 23.** I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council calls on the Government and the HSE to immediately provide the necessary funding to operate the three residential units that remain unopened at the Daughters of Charity, St. Vincent's, Lisnagry, Co. Limerick.

24. Correspondence**25. GAA Signage Pilot Programme**

Formal signing of agreement to launch the GAA Signage Pilot Programme, a joint initiative between Limerick County Council and the GAA.

(Report Enclosed – this item will be taken at 4.30 p.m.)

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS AT MEETING OF LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, DOORADOYLE, CO. LIMERICK, ON MONDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 2006, AT 2.30 P.M.

PRESENT IN THE CHAIR: Councillor B. Teefy, An Cahaoirleach.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Councillors Brennan, Butler, Clifford, Collins (M), Collins (N), Creighton, Eright, Foley, Gallahue, Galvin, Gleeson, Griffin, Harty, Houlihan, Hurley, Jackman, McAuliffe, Naughton, Neville, O'Donnell, O'Donovan, Ryan, Scalan, Sheahan (J), Sheahan (K), Wade.

OFFICIALS IN ATTENDANCE:

County Manager (Mr. E. Gleeson), Assistant County Manager (Mr. P. O'Connor), Director, Planning & Development (Mr. J. Fane), Director, Community and Enterprise/Human Resources/Corporate Services (Mr. G. Behan), Director, Transportation and Water Services (Mr. P. Crowe), Director, Environment & Emergency Services (Mr. T. Enright), Head of Finance (Mr. O. Killeen), Meetings Administrator (Ms. A. Haugh).

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING:

At the outset, there was unanimous agreement to adjourn the meeting for 30 minutes as a mark of respect to the late Martin Carroll, a former Member of the Council who served the Castleconnell Electoral Area from 1967 to 1974 and from 1979 to 1985.

In extending sympathy to his family, Members referred to his two terms as a Member of the Council, his leadership of the Fianna Fáil group on the Council, his membership of Co. Limerick VEC and his term as Chairman of that body. They also spoke of his many personal qualities and the high esteem in which he was held by both Members and staff alike.

The County Manager, on his own behalf and that of the staff, joined with the Members in extending sympathy to his family.

Sympathy was also extended to the families of a number of people recently deceased on their bereavements and it was agreed that the Council's condolences would be conveyed to them as requested.

Following a short prayer service, the meeting then adjourned for 30 minutes as agreed.

On resumption, the Cathaoirleach extended good wishes for the New Year to all present. The agenda was then proceeded with as follows:

1. Miontuairiscí

Circulated, copies of draft Minutes of the following Meetings:

- (a) Budget 2006 Meeting of the Council held on 15th December, 2005.
- (b) Ordinary Meeting of the Council held on 19th December, 2005.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor O'Donovan;
Agus an Cinneadh:

"That, the draft Minutes, as circulated, be taken as read and adopted and signed."

2. Disposal of Land

- (a) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 3rd January, 2006, concerning disposal of land at Curraghmore, Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor Butler;
Agus an Cinneadh:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of Additional Allotment of 0.531 acres at Curraghmore, Ballyhahill, Co. Limerick (Entry No. 668 of Folio 11800F) to Thomas and Miriam Flavin for the sum of €1, together with all legal fees, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 3rd January, 2006."

- (b) Circulated, copy of Statutory Notice dated 6th January, 2006, concerning disposal of land not required at Patrickswell, Co. Limerick.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor Butler;
Agus an Cinneadh:

"That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to the disposal of 0.1 acre approx. at Glenwood, Ballyanrahan East, Patrickswell, Co. Limerick, to McCarthy & Woulfe, Building Contractors, 25 Thomas Street, Limerick, for the sum of €36,000, plus normal legal fees incurred by the

Council associated with the disposal, particulars of which were contained in Statutory Notice dated 6th January, 2006.”

Members requested clarification as to whether all Disposal Notices were initially brought to Area Meetings for consideration. The Assistant County Manager informed those present that disposals over which the Council had discretion were brought to Area Meetings.

3. Finance

Overdraft Accommodation 2006

The Head of Finance outlined the background to the requirement for approval to overdraft accommodation on the Council's General Account amounting to €10 million for year ending 31st December, 2006.

The Head of Finance confirmed that this was approval for temporary borrowing and any associated costs were included in the Budget 2006.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor O'Donovan;
Agus an Cinneadh:

“That, the approval of the Council be and is hereby given to overdraft accommodation on the Council's General Account amounting to €10 million for year ending 31st December, 2006.”

4. Corporate Services

Regional Health Forum West

Circulated, County Secretary's report dated 5th January, 2006, regarding the appointment of 4 Members from Limerick County Council to the Regional Health Forum West, in accordance with the Health Act 2004 (Regional Health Forums) Regulations, 2005, together with copies of the relevant sections of the Act and Regulations.

Molta ag Councillor Sheahan (K);
Cuidiú ón Councillor O'Donovan;

“That, Councillors Ryan, Enright, Teefy and Butler be nominated to the Regional Health Forum West.”

As there were no other nominations, the Cathaoirleach declared Councillors Ryan, Enright, Teefy and Butler appointed as the Council's representatives on the Regional Health Forum West.

Members wished the nominees well in their appointment and acknowledged that there were many issues pertaining to health at present.

5. Civic Receptions - IFA

It was agreed that this item would be taken at 4.30 p.m.

6. Conferences

Circulated, details of the following Conferences: (a) The Local Government Planning Service to be held in Clonea, Co. Waterford, on 3rd/4th February, 2006; (b) Northern Tourism Conference to be held in Dunadry, Co. Antrim, on 3rd/4th February, 2006; (c) All Island Infrastructure Investment Conference 2006 to be held in Dundalk, Co. Louth, on 10th February, 2006; (d) Enterprise Kiltullagh Limited 6th National Conference to be held in Ballinlough, Co. Roscommon, on 16th February, 2006; (e) Conference on Irish Neutrality Policy Principle Concept or Myth to be held in Shannon, Co. Clare, on 2nd/3rd March, 2006; (f) Clonmel Training Seminar – the Councillor and Community Leadership – to be held in Clonmel, Co. Tipperary, on 3rd/4th March, 2006; (g) Westport Experience 2006 to be held in Westport, Co. Mayo, on 18th/19th May, 2006.

On the proposal of Councillor Sheahan (K), seconded by Councillor O'Donovan, the Council approved the attendance of the following additional Members at Conferences already approved by the Council:

Association of Municipal Authorities of Ireland Spring Seminar 2006 to be held in Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, on 10th/11th February, 2006:
Councillors Brennan, Gallahue and Naughton.

17th Colmcille Winter School 2006 to be held in Gartan, Churchill, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal, from 24th to 26th February, 2006: Councillors Brennan, Gallahue and Naughton.

QUESTIONS

7. Question submitted by Councillor N. Collins

I will ask at the next meeting for a full Statement of Account of the Development Contribution Fund since its adoption in 2003 for the period to 31st December, 2005, to include the following – (a) total amounts of all contributions received to date per year; (b) the actual expenditure from the Fund to date analysed by amount per project description per year; (c) the amounts yet to be expended but committed by amount per

project description per year; (d) the balance of uncommitted monies in the Fund as at 31st December, 2005.

REPLY: The Development Contribution Scheme was adopted by the Council in December 2003. Therefore, there were no contributions received under the scheme in that year. A sum of €397,288 was received in 2004 and €8,462,545 in 2005. The balance of uncommitted monies in the fund at 31st December, 2005, was €4,258,577.

As indicated by the County Manager at the Budget Meeting, a detailed report on the Development Fund will be presented to the Council at the February Meeting. This report will include details of expenditure and commitments to date, as well as projects/programmes to be funded from the Development Fund in 2006.

8. Question submitted by Councillor P. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting if an application has been made for funding under EU co-financing or any other heading for works to re-align the bridges at Churchtown and over the Daar on the Newcastle West to Ardagh Road and to realign the Top Cross at Ardagh and, if so, at what stage is the application.

REPLY: Discussions are ongoing with Consultants with a view to preparing a route selection, preliminary design and estimate of cost for this poorly aligned section of Regional Road. It is expected that this report will be prepared and submitted by next September when the details can be brought before the Newcastle Area Committee for consideration.

With regard to the Top Cross at Ardagh, funding was provided and a scheme carried out in very recent years under the Low Cost Accident Reduction Programme.

Due to the limited funding provided and the demand for schemes, prioritisation takes place annually. A second follow-up scheme for the Top Cross has not been submitted at this time. However, the situation is kept under review and consideration can be given again later this year for a submission under the 2007 programme.

9. Question submitted by Councillor P. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting for a status report on the recent study carried out on the N21 and if the NRA has advanced any further the route selection process for the Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale proposed by-passes.

REPLY: A draft copy of the N21 Adare to County Boundary Strategic Plan was forwarded to the National Roads Authority for comment before Christmas. This document will be finalised after comments are received. In the meantime, detailed topographical and pavement structure surveys are being undertaken on the existing road. Both of these surveys will facilitate preliminary on-line designs to be carried out later this year, subject to funding provision. Once the on-line improvements have been identified, the focus will be re-directed to off-line improvements i.e. the route selection process for by-passes of Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale and other off-route sections.

10. Question submitted by Councillor P. O'Donovan

I will ask at the next meeting if it was the intention of Limerick County Council, at any stage, while in the process of granting planning permission for the Woodfield development(s) in Newcastle West, to make provision/allow for the possible construction of an inner relief/distributor ring road for the town through the development, or if the developer was instructed by the Council during the planning processes to make provision by way of road widths etc., to facilitate a possible relief/distributor road at some point in the future.

REPLY: It was not the intention of Limerick County Council when considering or granting permission for the Woodfield development, reference 99/1392, to make provision for the construction of an inner relief/distributor road for the town.

The main access road to the development is 9 metres in width and this was shown on the application, as it was originally submitted and was not requested by the Planning Authority. This road is wider than the normal access road to a housing development of this size and, because of its width and design, has the potential of functioning as a distributor road if required.

11. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next meeting if the wire and concrete poles at both sides of Leahy's Cross (Pierse Cross), Athea, can be replaced and the weeds cut back to give road users a clear view of the road. Roads: L7064 joins R524 to L1329.

REPLY: To improve the sight distance at this junction would require setting back of existing boundary fence with associated land-take and costs. Consideration can be given to including this project in the forthcoming road works scheme and, subject to landowners' co-operation and agreement, this work could be designed and carried out.

12. Question submitted by Councillor E. Wade

I will ask at the next meeting when will the Local Area Plan for Caherconlish Village be drawn up.

REPLY: Work is currently at an advanced stage with the Forward Planning Unit on Local Area Plans for Bruff, Hospital and Adare. Preliminary work has just begun on a plan for Kilfinane. These plans are being rolled out in accordance with a schedule agreed by the Council. It is planned to commence work on the preparation of a plan for Caherconlish after the summer holiday period.

13. Question submitted by Councillor L. Galvin

I will ask at the next meeting when is the central heating programme to commence in Collins Park, Abbeyfeale.

REPLY: Collins Park, Abbeyfeale, is included for the installation of central heating under the 2006 Central Heating Programme. Indemnity and Agreement Forms have been forwarded to tenants on 13th January, 2006, for completion and return to the Housing Department. As soon as these forms have been returned, arrangements can be made to put the programme in place.

NOTICES OF MOTION

14. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor K. Sheahan

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council would treat as a matter of extreme urgency the provision of new sewerage schemes for Askeaton, Shanagolden and Foynes.

Councillor Sheehan (K) stated that the lack of progress in implementing sewerage schemes at Askeaton, Shanagolden, Glin, Foynes and Athea was impeding development in these villages. He urged Management to do everything possible to speed up the delivery of this infrastructure.

Councillor O'Donovan, who requested that Dromcollogher be included, seconded the motion.

Members supported the Motion and requested that the design provide for additional capacity, particularly in urban areas. This would provide flexibility for additional houses joining the schemes over the coming years.

REPLY: Limerick County Council has been asked to review the scope and extent of the proposed sewerage schemes at Askeaton, Shanagolden, Athea, Foynes and Glin in the context of the construction cost of the schemes. This review has now been carried out and a meeting has taken place with a Department official during the past week to discuss the revised details. Further to these discussions, formal Department approval is expected so as to allow preparation of Preliminary Report(s) to be advanced as quickly as possible.

15. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors J. Scanlan and L. Galvin

We will move at the next meeting that the Minister for Transport be called upon to ensure that immediate steps are taken to have the towns of Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale by-passed in the interests of safety and the economic wellbeing of both towns and that of the rural hinterland of the area.

Councillor Scanlan referred to increasing traffic congestion in Newcastle West and recommended that a by-pass be considered as a matter of urgency for the town.

The motion was seconded by Councillor Galvin, who referred to the delays experienced by drivers and delivery companies in both Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale.

Members supported the motion and commented on the quality of the N21 between Barna and Newcastle West. Others pointed out that it was faster to take the N69 to go to Tralee than travelling via Newcastle West.

16. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor P. O'Donovan

I will move at the next meeting that Limerick County Council make provision to support the Mahoonagh Historical Society's publication "From the Bog to the Bishop."

Councillor O'Donovan stated that the publication was a valuable historical document, providing an anthology of religious associations in the Feoghanagh/Newcastle West area.

Councillor Brennan, who commended the author for her research and publication, seconded the motion.

Members supported the motion and paid tribute to the author. They felt her efforts kept alive the history and culture of the area and that the publication should be financially supported by the Council.

REPLY: Limerick County Council endeavours to provide support for the various local historical books which are published annually. The usual method of support is through the purchase of a quantity of each title for the 30 Library service points in the county. In the case of the publication "*From the Bog to the Bishop*", it was considered appropriate to contribute a sum towards publication costs equivalent to the cost of 30 copies of the work.

17. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor E. Wade

I will move at the next meeting that the Council would re-establish the bottle bank for Caherconlish Village.

Councillor Wade explained that the bottle bank had been removed some years earlier to facilitate a building project but had not been re-instated.

Councillor Harty, who seconded the motion, added that the bottle bank in Pallasgreen was used extensively and that residents in Caherconlish should be provided with a similar facility.

Members agreed with the motion, referring also to the problem of dumping at some sites and recommended that CCTV cameras be put in place to apprehend the culprits. They paid tribute to the FAS employees who cleaned up numerous bottle banks on an ongoing basis. Members also referred to the serious issue of dumping at various other locations around the county.

The Director, Environment and Emergency Services, agreed to discuss the location of a bottle bank in Caherconlish further with Councillor Wade in an effort to identify a suitable site.

REPLY: The bank was removed from its original location eighteen months ago to allow for the construction of the new Riverfield Council housing estate. The Council has made significant efforts to find an alternative site in the village, without any success to date. Mr. John Mullane, Environment Control Officer, has made approaches in relation to placing the bank at two alternative sites within the village. However, neither proprietor was amenable to the proposal.

Since the Caherconlish bank has been removed, we have installed new banks in Bruff and Fedamore. The Council has also been approached by the owner of a premises in Ballyneety to discuss the possibility of installing a bring bank on his site. In the absence of a suitable site emerging in Caherconlish, the Council will examine the suitability of the Ballyneety site as an alternative.

18. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillor T. Neville

I will move at the next meeting for the immediate erection of a crash barrier at Hegarty's Cross, Kildimo, which was sanctioned over two months ago.

Councillor Neville acknowledged that the erection of the crash barrier been sanctioned and requested that it be extended to include the dwelling house on the bend.

Councillor Sheehan (J) seconded the motion. He agreed that the barrier was necessary as it was a dangerous section of roadway.

Councillors recommended that a reflective substance be applied to the barrier to highlight that particular stretch of road at nighttime. They also called on drivers to slow down and be more responsible in their driving.

The Director, Transportation and Water Services, agreed to consider the extension of the barrier.

19. Notice of Motion submitted by Councillors Collins (N) and Griffin

We will move at the next meeting that the Development Contribution Scheme be amended to provide for an exemption/waiver from the payment of development levies for people with disabilities.

Councillor Collins (N) stated that since his election as a public representative, he had been asked on numerous occasions to help out people with disabilities. He felt that the Council should strive to remove the financial barriers that prevent these people living a normal life. He referred to the significant sums being collected in levies since the inception of the scheme in 2003 and said that consideration should be given to exempting people with disabilities from paying the development levy. He asked for cross-party support on this issue and accepted that it may require the adoption of a new Development Contribution Scheme if the motion were adopted. He referred to sections of two letters received from Rehab Care and People With Disabilities in Ireland, who were fully in support of this motion.

Councillor Griffin seconded the motion.

It was requested that a residential unit, being erected by the Daughters of Charity, Lisnagry, also be exempted from development levies.

Councillors agreed with the motion and accepted that every effort should be made to help people with disabilities. It was pointed out that social housing, etc, was already exempt from development fees. It was agreed that the various committees of the Council would further examine the matter and that a new Development Contribution Scheme may be required.

REPLY: It is recommended that this issue be referred to the appropriate committees of the Council in order to examine (a) the mechanism by which effect could be given to this motion, and (b) the policy and practical implications of the motion.

20. CORRESPONDENCE:

The Correspondence circulated with the agenda was taken as read.

VOTES OF CONGRATULATIONS:

With the Cathaoirleach's permission, congratulations were extended to the following:

- (1) Councillor Sheahan (J) referred to the success of Gerard O'Rourke and Edmond O'Connor, Loughill, at the Sydney-Hobart Yacht Race. He referred to the Foynes Yacht Club's sailing programme, which had offered valuable training to Edmond O'Connor and which had previously been funded by Limerick County Council.
- (2) The Munster Rugby Team on qualifying for the next round of the Heineken Cup.

Civic Reception

The Cathaoirleach welcomed all those present at the Civic Reception to acknowledge John Dillon, outgoing President of the IFA, and the 50th anniversary of the I.F.A. She also acknowledged the presence of Michael Berkery, Chief Executive Officer of I.F.A., Mr. Michael Roche, Limerick County Chairman and other members of the I.F.A.

She congratulated John Dillon on his achievement in becoming the first Limerick man to hold the office of President of the I.F.A.

The Cathaoirleach said it was difficult to know where to start when describing the man himself or talking about his many achievements and involvements, but if she were to use one word, it would be commitment. John, throughout his life, was totally committed to working for the betterment of the Irish farming community and was unapologetic in speaking out fearlessly on behalf of farmers. It was a feature of John's presidency that he had travelled the length and breadth of the country visiting local I.F.A. branches.

She referred to his many achievements, including, Director of both An Bord Bia and Teagasc, Director of the Agricultural Trust who were publishers of the Irish Farmers' Journal and a Director of Farmer Business Development, an F.B.D. Trust. He was also a member of the National Partnership Programme and, at European level, he was a member of the Presidium of COPA, the European Farmers' Union. On top of all the above, he still managed to farm 120 acres.

To attain Presidency of the I.F.A. required a long process of working at county, provincial and national level. Over the years, John had held high-ranking positions in the I.F.A. He served as Limerick County Chairman from 1987 to 1991 and represented Limerick on the I.F.A. National Council from 1991 to 1993. He was Munster Vice-President between 1994 and 1998 and served as Deputy President of I.F.A. from 1998 to 2002 when he took over from Tom Parlon as President.

John became president of I.F.A. at a very challenging time for Irish agriculture and one of the main achievements of his presidency was that he made the

non-farming community aware of the pressures and problems faced by farming communities.

He raised the profile of farming and also the importance of farming to the economic wellbeing of Ireland. With the enormous economic growth of the last 10 years, there had been a tendency to forget how important farming had been historically to this county and also its current contribution to the economy.

John would acknowledge one of the high points of his presidency was the tractorcade of 2003 which made the Government and country sit up and take notice of the critical importance of farming. Not since the Farmers' Rights Campaign of 1966 had the farming protest been mobilised to such an extent that it could not be ignored. The future economic wellbeing of our country depended on all sectors of the economy playing its part and we could not afford to ignore any sector.

The Cathaoirleach pointed out that it was important that the Council acknowledged the contribution and achievements of Limerick people and she was delighted that it had this opportunity to honour John Dillon. The country and our communities owed a debt to people such as John who gave such commitment for the betterment of their fellow men and women. John, with his own unique style, had made a considerable contribution and she was extremely pleased to bestow the Civic Honour on him.

John Dillon said it was a great honour to receive a civic honour, particularly within his own County. He paid tribute to the 85,000 members and all those who work with the I.F.A. He referred to the bigger issues, which arose, during his presidency, including CAP reform, decoupling, animal traceability, environmental concerns, etc.

Mr. Dillon also commented on increased competition, particularly from South America, where standards on animal traceability were not as strict as in Ireland. He reasoned that Irish farmers had to charge higher prices if they were to maintain a reasonable standard of living and continue to produce quality, traceable meat. He referred to the Nitrates Directive and urged that local authority officials, farmers and Elected Members work closely together on this issue going forward.

He added that he was delighted to accept the presentation and thanked the Council for organising the civic reception.

The Cathaoirleach stated that it was not often the Council got the opportunity to hold two Civic Receptions that were inter-related. She was particularly pleased to welcome the members of the I.F.A. to the Council Chamber to this Civic Reception to mark the 50th Anniversary of the I.F.A. and the enormous contribution which it had made to the development of Irish farming.

In the past 50 years, Ireland and its people had gone through a considerable transformation. Ireland had changed from an economically impoverished and introverted society to a modern, open, transparent, economically viable society, which proudly stood among the ranks of modern nations. Ireland, in the early 1960's began to look outwards and the N.F.A., as the organisation was known then, recognised the importance of the European Economic Community in terms of trade, especially agriculture. Our reliance on the U.K. for trade had been a stifling factor in economic growth. Consequently, when we joined the E.U., agriculture was the immediate beneficiary through access to European markets.

The first 10 to 15 years of the I.F.A. were a difficult and dark period for Irish farming as the organisation strove for the right of direct negotiation with Government, the right to a fair taxation system and promotion of better farming. The year 1966 was crucially important in the struggle and from there on the I.F.A. went from strength to strength, finally being accepted as a social partner in 1987.

While the I.F.A. was now a professionally run modern organisation, the backbone of the organisation was its network of 940 branches and the 3,000 voluntary elected staff. The value of voluntary work in this country has very often been overlooked. Ireland owes a debt of gratitude for all this voluntary work performed not only in the I.F.A. but in all the social, cultural and sporting organisations throughout the country. This voluntary work played a meaningful role in the development of our communities and gave people an opportunity for involvement in significant events in their own communities. The future of our rural communities lies in this voluntary work and the I.F.A. has an important role in this future.

While there were challenges ahead for Irish farming, the Cathaoirleach had no doubt that the I.F.A. would be equal to the task of meeting them.

She commended the I.F.A. for their work over the past 50 years and congratulated them on their many achievements during those years.

Mr. Michael Berkery, Chief Executive Officer, I.F.A. thanked the Council for acknowledging the 50th anniversary of the I.F.A. and stated that the honour for John Dillon was well earned. He pointed out that Limerick County had made a significant contribution to agriculture over the years and many Limerick people were involved with the I.F.A. over the last fifty years. He added that the I.F.A. was involved in social partnership since 1987 and that while numbers involved in farming had decreased in recent years, agriculture was still a significant player in the economic wellbeing of the country. He congratulated Mr. John Kennedy from Clarina who had recently been appointed Chairperson of the National Dairy Committee and paid tribute to the work of John Dillon in keeping agriculture to the fore for the last four years.

He was delighted to accept the honour on behalf of the I.F.A. and undertook to relay the good wishes to all members of the organisation.

Councillors welcomed the various representatives from the I.F.A. and John Dillon. They acknowledged the achievements and work of John Dillon over the past four years and paid tribute to him for his commitment and dedication to farming issues.

They urged the public to "buy Irish" produce and to support the farming community. Members agreed that farming and off farming enterprises still employed many people in the country. Concern was expressed about the decline of the poultry and sugar beet industries and Members called for parity of treatment for all farmers in the E.U. Many felt that farming was now overly bureaucratic and was turning young people against pursuing a career on the land. They also commented on the Nitrates Directive and agreed that it was unfair to allocate a single zone in the Republic of Ireland and three zones in Northern Ireland. They felt this issue had to be addressed urgently. They recommended greater use of food labelling, so that consumers knew exactly where meat and dairy produce originated.

Concerns were also raised about the financial difficulties facing farming families in 2006, particularly those on small farms. It was accepted that many are struggling to maintain families without a second or third off-farm income. Members acknowledged that John Dillon had made every effort during his presidency to bridge the urban/rural divide. They also thanked the farming community for allowing access to their lands by walkers and hunting enthusiasts.

The County Manager joined with Councillors in congratulating John Dillon and the I.F.A. on their respective achievements. He added that Limerick County Council was committed to working with the farming sector, especially on issues such as the environment and the nitrates directive.

Fr Liam Ryan and Fr. Dick Brown who were both present had compiled a song in honour of the occasion and entertained all present with a lively rendition of 'John Dillon'.

The Cathaoirleach concluded by making a presentation of a special scroll to John Dillon, worded as follows:

The Cathaoirleach and Members of Limerick County Council, acting on behalf of the people of County Limerick, hereby present this scroll to

Thar ceann muintir Contae Luimnigh, ta an Scrolla seo a bhronnadh ag Cathaoirleach and Bail Chomhairle Contae Luimnigh ar

Mr. John Dillon

In recognition of his Presidency of the Irish Farmers Association from January 2002 to January 2006 and in honour of his being the first Limerick man to hold that office.

Mar chomhartha aitheantais ar a Uachtaranacht ar Chumann na bhFeirmeoiri o Eanáir 2002 go dtí Eanáir 2006, agus I gcomradh ar e a bheith ar an gcead duine o Chontae Luimnigh a bhi I seilbh na hoifige sin.

A scroll was also presented to the Irish Farmers Association, worded as follows:

The Cathaoirleach and Members of Limerick County Council, acting on behalf of the people of County Limerick, hereby present this scroll to

Bronnann Cathaoirleach agus Baill Chomhairle Chontae Luimnigh, thar ceann muintir Chontae Luimnigh, an Scrolla so ar

The Irish Farmers Association

On the occasion of the Association's 50th Anniversary and in recognition of the enormous contribution that Association had made towards furthering the expansion and growth of the farming sector in the county and countrywide.

Ar chothrom 50 bliain an Chumainn in aitheantas ar an morphairt a bhi ag an gCumann i bhforbairt agus i bhforas earnail na feirmeorieachta a chur chun cinn sa Chontae agus ar fud na tire.

The scrolls were signed by the Cathaoirleach, Councillor B. Teefy, the County Manager, Mr. E. Gleeson and the County Secretary, Ms. A. Haugh.

COUNTY MANAGER'S ORDERS:

The Register of Orders made by the County Manager up to the date of the meeting was available in the Council Chamber for inspection by the Members.

PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT:

The Register of Decisions on Applications under the Planning and Development Act, 2001, was also available for inspection by the Members.

Sínte:

An Cathaoirleach

An Rúnaí Contae

Dáta:

LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

County Hall,
Dooradoyle,
Limerick.

Ref : H15/37/02

31st January 2006

TO: AN CATHAOIRLEACH AND EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

DISPOSAL OF LAND

A Chara,

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Section 211 of the Planning & Development Act 2000, of the intention of the County Council to dispose of property described hereunder to Croom Voluntary Housing Association Ltd

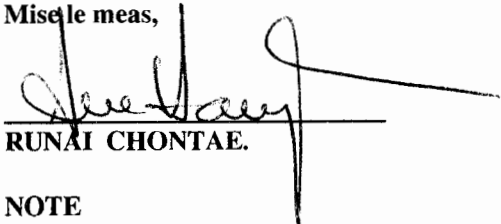
Property at: Towerfield, Croom.
Consideration: €1.00
Purchaser : Croom Voluntary Housing Association Ltd
Authority for Acquisition: Housing Act, 1966

The Council shall resolve at a Meeting held after the expiration of ten clear days from this date that the disposal -

1. Shall not be carried out, or
2. Be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in the Resolution.

If the Council do not pass a resolution to either effect, the Disposal may be carried out in accordance with the terms of this notice.

Mise le meas,



RUNAI CHONTAE.

NOTE

Croom Voluntary Housing Association recently completed the construction of 17 houses on land that the Council donated to it at Towerfield. It now wishes to provide a further six or so units of accommodation adjacent to its existing scheme and it is for this reason that it is proposed to dispose of this land to this organisation.

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH
LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Halla an Chontae
(County Hall)
Tuar an Dail
(Dooradoyle)
Contae Luimnigh
(Co. Limerick)

16th February 2006

Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball den Comhairle

Re: Construction of a New Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre at Askeaton – Granting of Long-term Lease to Askeaton Pool & Leisure Ltd.

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

I attach notice in compliance with statutory requirements in relation to the above.

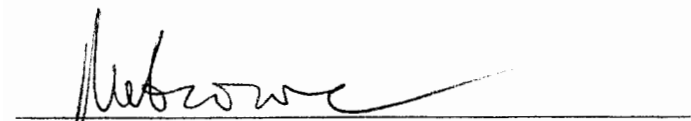
At its January 2004 meeting, the Council approved the granting of a long-term lease to Askeaton Swimming Club Committee along the same lines as provided for in the attached. However, this lease was not executed. It was subsequently decided that the most prudent manner in which the construction and future operation of the new facility could be advanced was through the formation of a special purpose company, Askeaton Pool & Leisure Ltd.

This company represents a formalisation of the partnership between the Council and Askeaton Pool Committee, in which the Council holds the majority of the shareholding and directors.

Many of the provisions of the proposed lease are standard conditions relating to insurances, upkeep, termination etc., but the Council's and ultimately, the public's interest will be protected in the sense that there will be an obligation that the property can only be used as a public swimming pool & leisure centre.

It is recommended that the Council grant this lease to Askeaton Pool & Leisure Ltd.

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**DIRECTOR,
TRANSPORTATION AND WATER SERVICES**

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH
LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Halla an Chontae,
(County Hall),
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(Dooradoyle),
Chontae Luimneach,
(Co. Limerick).

16th February 2006

Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle.

Re: Disposal of property at Askeaton.

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

Notice is hereby given in accordance with the provisions of Section 183 of the Local Government Act, 2001, and Section 211 of the Planning and Development Act 2000, of the intention of the County Council to dispose of land described hereunder subject to conditions to be specified.

Property: Site of New Swimming Pool and Adjoining Car Park Area at Askeaton.

Organisation to which property is to be disposed: Askeaton Pool & Leisure Ltd.

Person from whom acquired: William Hewson.

Consideration: €1 per year for 99 year lease.

The Council shall resolve at a Meeting held after the expiration of ten clear days from this date that the disposal-

1. Shall not be carried out, or
2. Shall be carried out in accordance with the terms specified in this Resolution,

If the Council does not pass a resolution to either effect, the Disposal may be carried out in accordance with the terms of this notice.

Mise le Meas



ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER
WATER SERVICES

Note:

See Attached Report By Director, Transportation and Water Services

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Halla an Chontae
(County Hall)
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(Limerick)

17th February 2006

Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle

Re: Rate Collection Report for Financial Year ended 31st December 2005

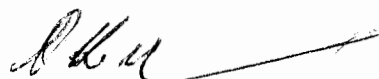
A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

The following report on rate collection 2005 is submitted to the Members in accordance with the provisions of Article 40 (2) of the Local Government (Financial Procedures and Audit) Regulations 2002.

Opening Arrears @ 01/01/2005	€407,661.18
Accruals / Demands 2005	€19,409,107.77
Total for Collection	€19,816,768.95
Receipts 2005	€19,494,156.60
Closing Arrears @ 31/12/2005	€322,612.35

Overall, the percentage collection, at 98.4% is satisfactory and is an increase of 0.6% over 2004.

Is mise le meas,



Oliver Killeen
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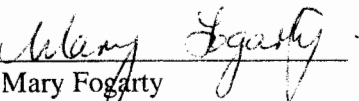
16th February, 2006

To the Cathaoirleach and Each Member of the Council

Re: Cluid Housing Association Ltd.

The above named housing association was advanced a Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme loan of €1,220,879 by the Council to build 15 small type houses in Knockane, Newcastle West and a loan of €920,621 to build 8 houses in Ballingarry. These 23 houses are now built and occupied by tenants, all of whom were approved by the Council. The Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government has now approved supplementary loans of €55,289 and €34,144 respectively in relation to these two projects. These loans must be applied for by the Council to the Housing Finance Agency (HFA). All loan charges paid by the Council in respect of same are recouped in full by the Department of the Environment, Heritage & Local Government.

I recommend that the Council apply to the HFA for loans of €55,289 and €34,144 in respect of these projects. I am enclosing copies of letters from the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government dated 19th and 20th January 2005 regarding these loans for your information.

Signed 
Mary Fogarty
Senior Executive Officer
Housing



19 January, 2006

Mr. Sean Gallagher,
Limerick County Council,
County Hall,
Dooradoyle,
Co. Limerick.



VH 4/21/6

**Re: Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme project at
Ballingarry, Co. Limerick.
Cluid Housing Association**

A Chara,

I refer to your letter and LSS 2 of the 16th January, 2006, seeking revised loan approval in respect of loan charges for the above project.

I wish to advise you that a revised loan in the sum of €954,765 (an increase of €34,144) has now been approved under the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme for the project.

This approval is subject to the terms set out in the Department's original letter of approval dated 6th June, 2002.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Farrell-Duff
B.P. Bridie Reidy,
Voluntary & Co-operative Housing



20th January, 2006



Mr. Sean Gallagher,
Limerick County Council,
County Hall,
Dooradoyle,
Co. Limerick.

VH 4/21/3

**Re: Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme project at
Lilac Close, Knockane, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.
Cluid Housing Association**

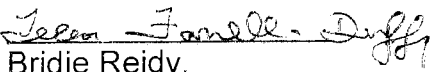
A Chara,

I refer to your letter and LSS 2 of the 5th January, 2006, seeking revised loan approval in respect of loan charges for the above project.

I wish to advise you that a revised loan in the sum of €1,276,168 (an increase of €55,289) has now been approved under the Capital Loan and Subsidy Scheme for the project.

This approval is subject to the terms set out in the Department's original letter of approval dated 6th June, 2002.

Yours sincerely,


Bridie Reidy,
Voluntary & Co-operative Housing



**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH
LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Halla an Chontae,
(County Buildings),
Tuar an Daill,
(Dooradoyle),
Luimneach.
(Limerick).

14th February, 2006.

Don Chathaoirlach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle

Re: 2006 NATIONAL ROADS ALLOCATION COUNTY LIMERICK

A Chara,

National Road Allocations for 2006 as notified by the National Roads Authority, amount to €80,202,767. Set out below is a breakdown of this amount by specific project, with a brief comment on each:

1. NATIONAL PRIMARY MAJORS

- 1.1. N7 Limerick Southern Ring Road Phase II, Tunnel Scheme - Allocation €15.85M**
Construction to commence in the third quarter of 2006. This is a PPP Scheme.
- 1.2. N7 Nenagh/Limerick – Allocation €55.85M**
Tenders for the main contract are currently being procured. Construction to commence in the third quarter of 2006.
- 1.3. N20 Patrickswell/Limerick – Allocation €0.1M**
Scheme completed. Close out of this scheme outstanding.

2. NATIONAL PRIMARY MAJORS PLANNING/DESIGN

- 2.1 N21 Abbeyfeale By-Pass/Rathkeale – Allocation €0.2M**
Completion of the strategy of road improvement works required from Adare to the Limerick/Kerry Boundary with emphasis on the topographical and pavement condition surveys.
- 2.2 N21 Adare By-Pass – Allocation €0.4M**
Compulsory Purchase Order and Environment Impact Statement to be prepared.

3. NATIONAL PRIMARY ACCIDENT REMEDIAL

- 3.1 **Road Safety Remedial Measure: Bog Road North of Daly's Cross – Allocation €25,000**
Extension of public lighting from Daly's Cross to the Bog Road on the N7.
- 3.2 **Road Safety Remedial Measure: Ballymacrory Cross – Allocation €7,500.**
Junction Improvements at Ballymacrory Cross (between Croom Bypass and Banogue) on the N20.
- 3.3 **Road Safety Remedial Measure: Banogue Village – Allocation €5,000**
Junction Improvements at Banogue on the N20.
- 3.4 **Road Safety Remedial Measure: Rockhill Cross – Allocation €7,500**
Junction improvements at Rockhill Cross (south of O'Rourke's Cross) on the N20.
- 3.5 **Road Safety Remedial Measure: Coffey's Cross – Allocation €5,000**
Junction improvements at Coffey's Cross (Clonshire) on the N21.
- 3.6 **Regional Road Safety Engineer – Allocation €115,000**
This allocation is to cover costs associated with the National Roads Authority Engineering Consulting Services.

4. NATIONAL PRIMARY PAVEMENT & MINOR IMPROVEMENTS

- 4.1 **N20 Banogue to Hynes Cross - Allocation €0.8M.**
Road Pavement Improvements of approximately 4km on the N20.
- 4.2 **N21 Killarney Pole to Barnagh - Allocation €0.75M**
Road Pavement Improvements of approximately 3km on the N21.
- 4.3 **N21 Coolanoran to Cregan's Cross, Newcastle West – Allocation 0.8M**
Road Pavement Improvements of approximately 2.2km on the N21.
- 4.4 **N24 Pallasgreen to Dromkeen – Allocation €0.85M**
Road Pavement Improvements of approximately 3.8km on the N24.
- 4.5 **N24 Oola to County Boundary – Allocation €0.5M**
Road Pavement Improvements on approximately 1.5km of the N24.
- 4.6 **2005 National Primary Retention – Allocation €50,000**
Retention payments for 2005 Overlay Contracts.

5. NATIONAL PRIMARY TRAFFIC CALMING

- 5.1 N24 Abbeyfeale Traffic Calming – Allocation €0.5M**
Construction of Traffic Calming Scheme in Abbeyfeale.
- 5.2. N24 Oola Traffic Calming – Allocation €30,000**
Close-out of Oola Traffic Calming Scheme (constructed in 2005).
- 5.3. N24 Ballysimon Traffic Calming – Allocation €0.25M**
Development of a traffic calming scheme on the N24 at Ballysimon Interchange (Southern Ring Road).

6. NATIONAL PRIMARY BRIDGES

- 6.1. N21 Goulburn Bridge – Allocation €0.4M**
Completion of Goulburn Bridge replacement west of Templeglantine Cross on the N21.

7. NATIONAL SECONDARY ACCIDENT REMEDIAL

- 7.1. Road Safety Remedial Measure: Ballyengland Lower – Allocation €10,000**
Junction improvements at Wallace's Cross on the N69.
- 7.2. Road Safety Remedial Measure: Clarina Cross – Allocation €7,500**
Junction improvements at Clarina on the N69.
- 7.3. Road Safety Remedial Measure: Hegarty's Cross - Allocation €25,000**
Junction improvements at Hegarty's Cross (junction to Pallaskenry) on the N69.
- 7.4. Road Safety Remedial Measure: Bolane – Allocation €40,000**
Junction improvements at Bolane, Kildimo, on the N69.
- 7.5. N69 Route Treatment – Allocation €10,000**
Development of a signing and lining programme for the N69.

8. NATIONAL SECONDARY PAVEMENT AND MINOR IMPROVEMENTS

- 8.1. N69 Aughinish to Foynes – Allocation €0.65M**
Road pavement improvements on approximately 2.7km of the N69.
- 8.2. N69 Pavement and Route Evaluation Reports – Allocation €50,000**
This is to fund the development of a strategy of road improvement works required on the N69. Funding to cover topographical and pavement condition surveys.

9. **NATIONAL PRIMARY MAINTENANCE**

Ordinary Maintenance	€730,804
Annual Resurfacing	€319,375
Winter Maintenance	€174,000
Bridge Maintenance	€ 15,000
Route Lighting	€247,000

10. **NATIONAL SECONDARY MAINTENANCE**

Ordinary Maintenance	€173,267
Annual Resurfacing	€132,820
Winter Maintenance	€ 35,000
Bridge Maintenance	€ 10,000
Route Lighting	€ 78,000

11. **OVERALL SUMMARY**

Summary National Road Improvement Allocations

Category	Allocations	
	2006 (February) €	2005 (March) €
1. National Primary Majors	71.8M	3.15M
2. National Primary Majors/Planning & Design	0.6M	30.3M
3. National Primary Accident Remedial	0.165M	0.1875M
4. National Primary Pavement & Minor Improvements	3.75M	2.745M
5. National Primary Traffic Calming	0.78M	0.65M
6. National Primary Bridges	0.4M	-
7. National Secondary Accident Remedial	92,500	-
8. National Secondary Pavement & Minor Improvements	0.7M	0.55M
Total Allocation	€78,287,500M	€30,577,630M

SUMMARY

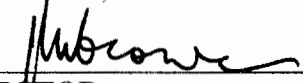
NATIONAL PRIMARY/NATIONAL SECONDARY MAINTENANCE GRANTS

	National Primary		National Secondary	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Ordinary Maintenance	€730,804	€920,548	€173,267	€247,746
Annual Resurfacing	€319,375	€353,327	€132,820	€132,421
Winter Maintenance	€174,000	€160,000	€35,000	€30,000
Bridge Maintenance	€15,000	----	€10,000	-----
Route Lighting	€247,000	-----*	€78,000	-----*
	€1,486,179	€1,433,875	429,087	€410,167

**Route Lighting Allocation normally included under the Ordinary Maintenance Allocations.*

TOTAL MAINTENANCE ALLOCATIONS	2006	2005
	€1,915,266	€1,844,042

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**DIRECTOR,
TRANSPORTATION & WATER SERVICES.**

2006 National Roads Allocations

Improvement Allocations

Project Category	Route (N/M)	Project Name	Allocation Amount
<u>National Primary</u>			
NP Safety Measures	7	Junction with Bog Road north of Daly's Cross LCRM	25,000
	20	Ballymacrory Cross LCRM	7,500
	20	Banogue Village LCRM	5,000
	20	Rockhill Cross LCRM	7,500
	21	Abbeyfeale Traffic Calming	500,000
	21	Coffey's Cross, Adare LCRM	5,000
	24	Ballysimon Traffic Calming	250,000
	24	Oola (west) Traffic Calming	30,000
		Regional Road Safety Engineer	115,000
		Total NP Safety Measures	945,000
NP Bridges	21	N21 - Goulburn Bridge	400,000
		Total NP Bridges	400,000
NP Majors	7	Limerick Tunnel Scheme	15,850,000
	7	Nenagh/Limerick	55,850,000
	20	Patrickswell/Limerick	100,000
	21	Abbeyfeale By-Pass/Rathkeale (Planning and Design)	200,000
	21	Adare By-Pass (Planning and Design)	400,000
	Total NP Majors	72,400,000	
NP Pavement & Minor Improvements			
	20	Rockhill Cross to Banogue	800,000
	21	Killarney Pole to Barnagh	750,000
	21	Coolanoran to Cregan's Cross	800,000
	24	Pallasgreen to Dromkeen	850,000
	24	Oola to County Boundary	500,000
		2005 NP Retentions	50,000
		Total NP Pavement & Minor Improvements	3,750,000
<u>National Secondary</u>			
NS Safety Measures			
	69	Ballyengland Lower LCRM	10,000
	69	Bolane LCRM	40,000
	69	Clarina Cross LCRM	7,500
	69	Route Treatment HCRM	10,000
	69	Hegarty's Cross LCRM	25,000
		Total NS Safety Measures	92,500
NS Pavement & Minor Improvements			
	69	Pavement & Route Evaluation Reports	50,000
	69	Aughinish Junction to Foynes	650,000
		Total NS Pavement & Minor Improvements	700,000
		Total Improvement Allocations	78,287,500

Maintenance Allocations		
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Project Category	Project Name	Allocation Amount
<u>National Primary</u>		
NP Maintenance		
	Ordinary Maintenance	730,804
	Annual Resurfacing	319,375
	Winter Maintenance	174,000
	Bridge Maintenance	15,000
	Route Lighting	247,000
	Total NP Maintenance	1,486,179
<u>National Secondary</u>		
NS Maintenance		
	Ordinary Maintenance	173,267
	Annual Resurfacing	132,820
	Winter Maintenance	35,000
	Bridge Maintenance	10,000
	Route Lighting	78,000
	Total NS Maintenance	429,088
	Total Maintenance Allocations	1,915,267

Total (all allocations) for Limerick County Council

80,202,767

**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH
LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL**

Halla an Chontae,
(County Buildings),
Tuar an Daill,
(Dooradoyle),
Luimneach.
(Limerick).

9th February, 2006.

Don Chathaoirlach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle

Re: Funding for Regional and Local Roads 2006

A Chara,

Following the notification of Grants for non-national roads by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government in Circular RLS 1/2006 dated 27th January 2006, and earlier adoption of Estimates by the Council, the extent of monies available to the Council is now confirmed. This report sets out a proposed strategy for expending these monies, bearing in mind:-

- ◆ Conditions relating to various grants.
- ◆ Specific programs identified in Council Estimates.

The following table (Table 1) sets out the finances provided for Regional and Local Roads for 2006 and provides a comparison with the funding for 2005.

TABLE 1: Comparison of Monies Available for Regional and Local (County) Roads 2006-2005

A	Grants	2006 (€)	2005 (€)	Change (€)	+/-%	Change
(i)	Restoration Improvement	8,311,000	7,739,000	572,000		+7.39%
(ii)	Restoration Maintenance	2,868,000	2,295,000	573,000		+24.96%
(iii)	Discretionary Improvement	928,000	867,000	61,000		+7.03%
(iv)	Discretionary Maintenance	1,098,000	1,024,000	74,000		+7.22%
(v)	Specific Improvements	3,130,000	2,835,000	295,000		+10.4%
(vi)	Castletroy Distributor Road	N/A	187,338	-187,338		N/A
(vii)	Low Cost Safety Improvements	80,000	117,500	-37,500		-31.91%
(viii)	Regional Road Signposting	400,000	200,000	200,000		+100%
(ix)	Non-National Roads Training	44,000	40,000	4,000		+10%
(xi)	Metrication Grant	N/A	60,408	-60,408		N/A
	TOTAL GRANTS (A)	16,859,000	15,365,246	1,493,754		+9.72%
	Council's Own Resources (B)	4,251,682	4,353,801	-102119		-2.34%
	TOTAL FUNDING (A+B)	21,110,682	19,719,047	1391635		+7.05%

From Table 1 the total sum available for Maintenance and Improvement of Non-National Roads in 2006 is €21,110,682. There is a **9.72% increase** in grant allocations. This sum is made up as follows:

1. **Grant Monies of €16,859,000 are available in 2006. There is an increase of 9.72% on the 2005 grant allocations.**

The grant monies are made up of a number of specific grants, with conditions attached governing the spending of these grants, together with a number of general conditions:

(a) **Restoration Programme Grants:**

(i) ***Restoration Improvement - €8,311,000***

To meet expenditure on surface restoration and road reconstruction (within the existing fence lines).

- Realignment work will not be eligible i.e. widening of road by removal and setting back of fences.
- Engineering standards as set by the Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government must be adhered to. In this regard, guidelines were issued to Local Authorities in May 1999 governing depths of overlay to be used on rural non-national roads.
- Minimum average length in any one year of individual improvement schemes is 1.0km in the case of road reconstruction/surface restoration.
- Under this programme, schemes are carried out in the order of priority set out in the current 2 year plan (2006 – 2008).

(i) ***Restoration Maintenance – €2,868,000***

- To meet expenditure on surface dressing (and necessary preparatory works) within existing fence lines.
- Minimum average length of individual surface dressing schemes is 1.5km.

(b) **Non-Restoration Programme Grants**

(i) ***Discretionary Improvement - €928,000***

This grant may be spent on Road Reconstruction or Surface Restoration works, or other improvement works such as;

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| ◆ Road Realignment | ◆ Drainage |
| ◆ Sight Distance Improvement | ◆ Footpaths |
| ◆ Junction Improvements | ◆ Bridge Improvements |

(ii) Discretionary Maintenance - €1,098,000

This grant can be spent on surface dressing, surface restoration and other maintenance works, such as pothole repairs, general maintenance, bridge repairs etc.

(c) Specific Improvements - €3,130,000

This grant, which is E.U. Co-Financed, is a continuation of previous years, and is provided for in the National Development Plan and the Regional Operational Programs. Selected projects must satisfy E.U. requirements, within the following development categories:

- ◆ Industrial Development
- ◆ Tourism
- ◆ Fisheries
- ◆ Forestry
- ◆ Rural Development/Agriculture

The following schemes were approved for funding :

Location	Scheme Allocation (€)
Southern Distributer Road Newcastlewest	20,000
R445/R506 Cappamore Road Junction	20,000
Bloodmill Road Ballysimon	20,000
R503 Limerick Thurles Rd (Ballynagowan/Bunkey)	550,000
R518 Rathkeale/Askeaton	200,000
R522 Cork Bridge	1,340,000
R526 St Nessans Road, Dooradoyle	700,000
R512/R516 Bruff Town Junction with Hospital Rd	280,000
	3,130,000

(2) Council's Own Resources

The Council has provided the sum of €4,251,682 for Non-National Roads in 2006.

Sources and Allocation of Funds

Table 2 sets out the recommended apportionment of the total sum of €21,110,682 now available in 2006 between the various sub-programmes of Non-National Road Maintenance and a comparison with 2005 is shown:

TABLE 2 – Allocation of Funds to Road Works Operations and Source of Funding:

Category	2006			2005		
	Allocation (€)	Source of Funding		Allocation (€)	Source of Funding	
		Grants (€)	Council Funds (€)		Grants (€)	Council Funds (€)
Surface Dressing	2,868,000	2,868,000	00	2,295,000	2,295,000	0
Reconstruction / Restoration/Improvement	8,999,000	8,999,000	0	8,539,000	8,539,000	0
General Maintenance	2,720,109	637,419	2,082,690	2,423,669	633,000	1,790,669
Tar Patching	1,000,000	370,000	630,000	1,000,000	370,000	630,000
Bridge Strengthening	300,581	300,581	0	67,000	67,000	0
Regional Road Signs	400,000	400,000	0	200,000	200,000	0
Roads Environs	220,000	30,000	190,000	170,000	0	170,000
Specific Improvements	3,130,000	3,130,000	0	2,835,000	2,835,000	0
Service Land Initiative	0	0	0	187,338	187,338	0
Street Cleaning	590,160	0	590,160	550,000	21,000	529,000
Suction Sweeper	157,000	0	157,000	145,000	0	145,000
Training Non National	74,000	44,000	30,000	70,000	40,000	30,000
Councillors Discretionary Allocation	426,632	0	426,632	426,632	0	426,632
Low Cost Safety Improvements	80,000	80,000	0	117,500	117,500	0
Winter Maintenance	32,700	0	32,700	30,000	0	30,000
Welfare	85,000	0	85,000			
Metrication	0	0	0	60,408	60,408	0
Overheads (hols/sick pay/incidentals)	0	0	0	575,000	0	575,000
Loan Charges	27,500		27,500	27,500	0	27,500
TOTALS	21,110,682	16,859,000	4,251,682	19,719,047	15,365,246	4,353,801

The factors taken into account in making this recommendation are as follows:-

1. Source of funding, whether grant or Council resources.
2. General conditions pertaining to the spending of the D.E.H.L.G. and E.U. Grants in the light of monitoring of this expenditure by the Department of the Environment and Local Government.
3. Existing road condition.
4. The necessity to ensure full employment for all permanent road workers.
5. Concern to keep all road surfaces, as far as possible, in a reasonable state of repair for traffic users.

6. It should be noted that the above does not include the allocation for public lighting.

Details of the sub-programme allocations are set out hereunder:

1. **Surface Dressing – Allocation €2,868,000**

This is a specific allocation under the Restoration Maintenance Grant. A large proportion of the condition of non-national roads is due to lack of proper and regular maintenance such as surface dressing. This allocation will extend the life of the pavement and delay the development of potholes, thus protecting the investment on roads. The Department has stipulated a final completion date of 31st August for works under this heading as well as interim deadlines of:

- ◆ End June 33% completion.
- ◆ End July 66% completion.

2. **Road Reconstruction/Restoration – Allocation €8,999,000**

Many roads have deteriorated to such an extent that they require reshaping and strengthening prior to surface dressing to enable roads to cater for the heavy vehicles and to prevent water lodging on the road.

Surface restoration involves improvement of drainage, filling and sealing of potholes, local strengthening of road edges and weak sections and the surface dressing of the entire road. This work should be carried out on roads, which presently appear to have an adequate road base but where a substantial part of the surfacing has disintegrated due to inadequate maintenance over a period of years. The reason for this type of work is that it is cheaper than strengthening, allowing a greater mileage of road to be attended to than if they were strengthened and thereby reduce the pothole problem and arrest the total disintegration of the road surface. However, this is a short-term solution and these roads may ultimately need to be strengthened. The Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government has stipulated a final completion date of 30th September for works under this heading.

3. **Tar Patching – Allocation €1,000,000**

In 2005 circa 350km of Regional and Local Roads will have had repairs carried out in the form of reconstruction, restoration or surface dressing. At the current level of funding the surface dressing life cycle is 1 in 8 years. By 2006 a very significant proportion of regional and local roads in the county will have been reconstructed. Therefore the tarpatching allocation has been maintained at the same level as 2005.

4. **General Maintenance – Allocation €2,720,109**

General maintenance covers a wide range of works such as signage, verges and drainage, cleaning water channels, opening inlets, elimination of localised flooding, junction maintenance, dealing with accidents, oil spillages, storms, emergencies and general repairs to roads not included in (2) above.

5. **Bridge Strengthening – Allocation €300,581**

In 2000 a major bridge inspection program was undertaken using a combination of structural consultants and Council staff. In the course of this program, all bridges in the County on Non-National roads were inspected, condition rated, and entered onto database. It is proposed this year to carry out some major improvements and repairs on a number of smaller structures.

6. **Regional Road Signs – Allocation €400,000**

€400,000 has been allocated for Regional Road signs. All Contract Documents and Designs prepared for this programme must be designed in accordance with the DoE standards and are subject to the approval of the DoE prior to any work proceeding.

7. **Roads Environs – Allocation €220,000**

€220,000 is required for improvement and maintenance in and about the city environs.

8. **Street Cleaning – Allocation €747,160**
 This allocation will provide for the following:
- (i) One no. Suction Sweeper on a set rota to all towns, villages and city environs
 €157,000
 - (ii) Manual cleaning at some locations.
 - (iii) Collection of litter bins throughout the county.
9. **Councillors' Discretionary Allocation €426,632**
 This sum is being provided from the Council's own resources . It is recommended that these monies should be spent on works requiring a high labour input.
10. **Specific Improvement Schemes – Allocation €3,130,000**
 Details of this allocation are already outlined under Grant Monies earlier in this report.
11. **Low Cost Safety Improvement Works – Allocation €80,000**
 The 2006 allocation provides funding to enable low cost safety improvement works on non-national roads to be carried out by local authorities. The criterion for approval and grant allocation is based on accident data along with inspection of sites and discussions between the local authority and the NRA.
 The following schemes have been approved by the DoE for works in 2006:
- ◆ Kilmihil Ballingarry R518 €30,000
 - ◆ R521 NCW-Foynes, Rathkeale Area €10,000
 - ◆ R521 NCW –Foynes, Newcastlewest Area €10,000
 - ◆ Kellehers Cross R511 €20,000
 - ◆ Old Grange Road L8010 €10,000

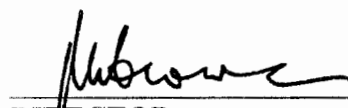
SUMMARY

These proposed allocations have been reached endeavouring to meet the conditions of the grant allocations, maintain the existing permanent workforce; trying to keep all roads in a reasonable state of repair while also attempting to redress the deterioration of the road surface. Any increase in emphasis in any one area of activity would necessarily have reduction implications elsewhere.

It must be emphasised that to comply with the terms of the grants that individual road schemes will involve minimum lengths of 1km or 1.5km, depending on road works type. Furthermore, roads selected for reconstruction and restoration must tie in with the Council's Two Year Plan (2006 – 2008), agreed by the Council and submitted to the Department in 2005.

This submission (Two Year Plan) related to expenditure on road reconstruction/restoration works, for which the particular roads were identified. The selection of roads for Surface Dressing under the Restoration Maintenance Grant (€2,868,000) and improvements under the Discretionary Improvement Grant (€928,000) is underway at present, and is not subject to Departmental approval. Detailed proposals for the spending of these monies can be discussed and agreed at forthcoming Area Meetings.

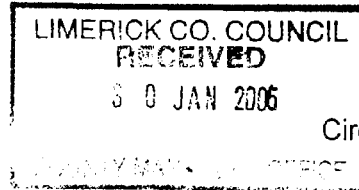
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27 January, 2006.



Circular RLS 1/2006

2006 Non-National Road Grant Allocations

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1. I am directed by the Minister for the Environment, Heritage and Local Government to enclose details of the 2006 grant allocations to your authority in respect of the maintenance and improvement of non-national roads. Total grant allocations for non-national roads in 2006 amount to almost €558 million. The amounts available nationally under the various grant headings are set out in **Appendix 1** and individual local authority allocations and scheme details are set out in **Appendix 4**. In view of this very substantial State investment the Minister expects a further significant improvement in 2006 in the condition of the non-national road network, together with a continuing emphasis on value for money and outputs.
2. The conditions applying to the payment of allocations under the various grant categories will, in general, be the same as notified in previous years. These are set out in the **Memorandum on Grants for Non-National Roads, 2001 and various Circulars**.
3. Local authorities must ensure that all works undertaken on foot of State grants are completed in accordance with the applicable

conditions by the various intermediate and completion dates set out in Appendix 1A.

In addition, local authorities should vigorously pursue outstanding invoices from contractors to ensure the timely claiming of grants in 2006 and take the necessary steps to ensure that systems can cope with the demands being placed on them.

Progress on all grant-aided works will be reviewed regularly by the Department and grants re-allocated where a shortfall in expenditure is expected. Such adjustments may entail the distribution of the amount involved to another local authority.

4. Own Resources Expenditure

The commitment of local authorities to contribute significantly from their own resources towards the cost of improving and maintaining the non-national roads network is essential. As set out in the Restoration Programme framework Circular Letter (**RW 7/96**) such contributions (excluding public lighting and overhead costs¹) must increase in the case of County Councils at least by the rate of inflation each year over the period of the programme. City, Borough and Town Councils should also ensure that such contributions are maintained at a realistic level.

5. Claims for payment of Grants

Local authorities should note that Form NNR ME/2006CC (for use by County Councils) and Form NNR ME/2006U (for use by City, Borough and Town Councils) which are to be submitted monthly, or less frequently, as appropriate, having regard to the work programme of individual authorities, should be completed in respect of monthly returns of expenditure/claims for payment of grant instalments. Copies of the forms are attached in **Appendix 2**. Under no circumstances should amounts be claimed in respect of works which have not been carried out nor should these forms be amended in any way.

Local authorities should generally ensure that monthly expenditure returns (using the appropriate claim forms) reach the Department no later than the 16th of the following month. The expenditure return for the month of November must, however, be received in the Department no later than 6th December to enable payment to be made before the end of the year.

Local authorities' attention is again drawn to columns 8 and 9 on the monthly claim forms, which were first inserted in 1998. The purpose of column 8 - "committed grant expenditure (not included in column 4)"¹ is to provide the Department with as accurate a picture as possible of work actually completed at a particular time. Many local authorities will have completed works which will not have been invoiced and for which payments have not been claimed (i.e. expenditure incurred/unpaid bills will not reflect this). It should be noted that Column 8 is included for overall monitoring purposes - payments will not be made on foot of any amount entered in Column 8.

6. Unpaid Bills

Local Authorities may claim for "Unpaid Bills" on a monthly basis or when required. Recoupment of these unpaid bills will be made on the strict understanding that they will be paid by the local authority during the calendar month in which the return is made. The following procedures must be adhered to when claiming "unpaid bills":

- All monthly claim forms which contain "unpaid bills" amounts must be supported by a certificate itemising by name of supplier, purpose of payment, invoice number, and amount, the make-up of the various "unpaid bills" totals under the various funding categories. This certificate must be signed by a senior local authority official e.g. Director of Service, Town Clerk, etc.

¹ As clarified in Circular RW 9/97 (County Councils) and Circular RW 10/97 (urban authorities)

A template for unpaid bills to be used by local authorities is given at Appendix 3. If this certificate is not attached to the monthly claim form or is unsatisfactory following checking by the Department, the "unpaid bills" amounts claimed will not be recouped by the Department.

- Local authorities must certify in the following month's grants claim by completing Column 10 on that claim, that the amounts claimed in respect of "unpaid bills" in the previous month (as per Column 4) were, in fact, paid during the month in which the local authority had undertaken to make such payments - i.e. Column 10 in the following month's claim should match Column 4 of the previous month's claim for "unpaid bills". If the required payments were not made by the due date a full explanation should be provided and details of when the payments will be made should be given. Confirmation of the actual date of the payments should also be given. If this is not provided the appropriate deduction will be made on local authorities grant claims.
 - Local authorities should not submit copies of invoices or large volumes of paper to support unpaid bills as part of the monthly claim. However, all back-up documentation to support "unpaid bills" must be kept by local authorities and be readily available for checking by officials during audits, spot-checks etc.
 - **A quarterly report showing the 'actual date that unpaid bills claimed were paid' is also required.** This report must be generated from your Financial Management System to show the actual date that the 'unpaid bill' was paid. Details should include name of supplier, invoice number, and amount, of each 'unpaid bill' claimed and be broken down by month and by grant category.
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It is the Council's responsibility to ensure that "unpaid bills" are correctly coded to the FMS to safeguard against the subsequent "re-claiming" of an "unpaid bill" as expenditure incurred.

Local authorities are also reminded that the "unpaid bills" procedure does not apply to land acquisition costs or wages. Such costs must be borne by the local authorities in the first instance before being recouped by the Department as incurred expenditure.

7. Audit Requirements

The accuracy of all figures submitted by local authorities e.g. grant claim forms, output data, details of own resources expenditure, Form B1s etc., is of the utmost importance. These figures are used in providing progress reports for the Regional Assemblies, the Department of Finance/NDP CSF Monitoring Committee and in briefing for Ministers and others.

As part of our on-going review of the Non-national Roads Grant system, it may be necessary from time to time to introduce new requirements to further enhance the control systems in operation between local authorities and this Department.

You are reminded that this Department and EU and/or Department of Finance Auditors can **at any time** carry out a comprehensive audit on non-national roads expenditure

8. Weather Warning Arrangements

Local authorities are again reminded of the need to ensure that the necessary arrangements are in place with Met Eireann to receive weather warnings, as outlined most recently in Circular Letter RLS 34/2005 (of 27 October, 2005).

It is a matter for each authority to finance weather-necessitated works from its own resources, supplemented, as required, from the discretionary grant allocations. In line with established practice, a contingency provision should be reserved from the overall resources available to each authority for non-national roads so as to deal with damage attributed to severe weather conditions, including flooding. As you know, a revised Essential Services Memorandum issued on 15 November, 2000.

In addition, in times of above average rainfall, local authorities should ensure that gullies and drains in high risk areas are kept clear, to reduce the risk of flooding.

9. **Restoration Programme**

The total 2006 Restoration Improvement grant is €205.299m. The list of projects to be carried out within your functional area under the 2006 Programme is outlined at Appendix 4B.

The Restoration Programme continues to be a central part of the Non-National Roads Investment Programme. The results of the recent Pavement Condition Study indicate that the existing Restoration Programme requires re-focusing to increase the relative level of funding to counties that have the greatest identified pavement strengthening needs – if counties having the highest proportion of deficient roads are to have their needs addressed in a reasonable timescale.

Last year the process of re-focusing priority investment under the programme to areas of most need began. In 2006, in order to address the deficiencies identified by the Study, a sum of almost €19 million is being allocated among County Councils based on a combination of their strengthening needs, as indicated by the Study, and their average Restoration Improvement grants over the period 1997 to 2005.

The list of projects shown at Appendix 4B reflects the priorities set out in the 2006 Restoration Programme submitted by your authority in response to circular RLS 22/2005 of 20/06/05. It is a requirement that Restoration Programme improvement monies expended in 2006 relate only to the works set out in Appendix 4B. Where any over-expenditure was incurred in 2005, this is a matter for the local authority concerned. Such over-expenditure must not be charged against the 2006 grant allocation.

N.B. Your attention is also drawn to the Department's requirements for pavement and overlay design which are summarised as follows:

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 - Dense bitumen macadam alone should not be used on pavement layers that have a poor loadspreading ability (i.e. SCI > 250µm)

10. **Low Cost Safety Improvements**

The 2006 grant allocations continue to provide funding to enable low cost safety improvement works on non-national roads to be carried out by local authorities. The 2006 allocations provide for further funding of €3.560m under this category. Details of individual allocations are given in Appendix 4A.

The criterion for approval and grant allocation is based on accident data along with inspection of sites and discussions between the local authority and the National Roads Authority. Works include a variety of safety work measures including Road Signage, Road Markings, Surface works including high friction surfaces and Works for improved sight lines at junctions. The provision of flashing lights at primary schools on significantly trafficked non-national roads may also be considered eligible for funding under this measure or in the context of the use of Discretionary grants. Expenditure should be claimed on a monthly basis on form NNR ME/2006CC and NNR ME/2006U as appropriate, as for other Non-National Road grants. The December 2006 return should include a breakdown of the expenditure on a scheme by scheme basis.

11. **Regional Traffic Management Schemes**

The 2000 non-national road grant allocations provided funding, for the first time, for Regional Traffic Management Scheme Grants for the City Councils of Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford. This scheme is continuing in 2006 with a further allocation of €2.250 million. Details of individual allocations are at Appendix 4A. Expenditure should be claimed on a monthly basis on form NNR ME/2006U as for other non-national road grants. The December 2006 return should include a breakdown of the expenditure on a scheme by scheme basis.

12. **Strategic Non-National Roads**

A further €39.349 million has been allocated to 9 local authorities in respect of Strategic Non-National Road Schemes (formerly known as "Roads to Facilitate Housing and Other Related Development" schemes) in 2006.

Your attention is drawn to Circular RW 17/2002, which identified certain Strategic Non-National Road projects which were reclassified as EU Co-Financed Schemes and for which the auditing requirements of Paragraph 15 of this Circular Letter apply.

13. **New Strategic Non-National Road Schemes**

This is a new stream of grants being introduced in 2006 to cater for schemes that make a significant contribution towards the National Spatial Strategy but are significantly larger than those normally funded out of the Specific Improvements Grant Scheme. A total of €11.007m has been allocated for 12 projects under this Scheme in 2006. Details of individual allocations, where applicable, are set out at Appendix 4A. Expenditure should be claimed on a monthly basis on form NNR ME/2006CC or NNR ME/2006U as for other non-national road grants.

14. **Community Involvement Scheme**

County Councils are reminded that they should continue to seek community involvement in improvement and maintenance work on suitable non-national roads and to facilitate this, as in previous years, a portion of the 2006 discretionary grant allocation may be reserved by authorities for eligible schemes.

Furthermore, as set out in **Circular Letter RW 6/99** of 12 May, 1999, up to 7.5% of a County Council's Restoration Programme grant may be set aside for Community Involvement schemes. Where necessary, to give effect to this arrangement, County Councils may, to the extent that restoration improvement monies are to be used for this scheme, and

following consultation with the Department, substitute Community involvement schemes for restoration improvement schemes starting with the last scheme as set out in Appendix 4B and moving upwards until the appropriate amount has been reached. The Department's Output returns will seek information on Community Involvement in Road Works Schemes.

Local authorities should refer to the guidelines set out in Circular Letter RW 2/98 and ensure that all necessary insurance arrangements have been made should non local authority staff carry out maintenance works "on the public road", under the Community Involvement Scheme.

15. EU Co-Financed Specific Improvement Grant Schemes

Local authorities are reminded that files and expenditure records, including Form B1s, for EU-aided schemes (EU Co-Financed (including Re-classified Strategic Non-National Road projects), Border/ Maritime/ Interreg and Peace Initiative) are open to on-the-spot inspection and audit by the European Commission and the European Court of Auditors. In compliance with EU requirements, *all documentation associated with all schemes included in the NDP Programme 2000 – 2006 must be retained until at least 2011*. Original papers must be stored and be readily available; microfilm or microfiche copies on their own are not acceptable.

Your attention is also drawn to Circular RLS 41/2005 of 20/12/2005 which advises that pending closure of the audit carried out by DG Regio into the Transport Operational Programme 1994-1999, it is essential that all relevant documentation be retained at each level beyond the end of December, 2005 until further notice.

These schemes are, of course, also subject to spot-checks by this Section under Article 4 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 438/2001.

16. **Block Grants**

City, Borough and Town Councils should note that the 2006 discretionary (block) grant allocation, is again divided into two parts - the 'traditional' block grant and a 'special' block grant for footpath and carriageway restoration. The latter category of grant can only be expended on qualifying categories of work and the general conditions will be outlined in a separate circular.

17. **Advance Notice of Road Works**

By way of a general comment local authorities should give farmers and others, appropriate advance notice where necessary, where it is proposed to carry out road works.

18. **Disabled Persons Parking Bays**

The Department of Transport has, in the past, informed this Department that concern has been voiced regarding a shortage in the number of disabled persons parking bays that are being provided by local authorities. You are requested, therefore, to review the position in this regard and to consider the provision of additional disabled persons parking spaces. Local authorities should note that only the white symbol for a disabled persons parking bay as set out in *the Seventh Schedule* in SI 181 of 1997 has legal effect.

19. **Non-National Roads Training Programme**

The 2006 Non-National Road Grant Allocations provide €1.645m to County, City and Borough Councils in Specific Training Grants.

20. **Local Improvements Scheme (LIS)**

A sum of €25 million has been set aside for later allocation to local authorities under the LIS in 2006.

21. **Regional Roads Signposting Programme**

€6.64 million is being provided for the continuation of the regional roads signposting programme, which began in 2003. Full details of all signage documentation **must** be forwarded to this Department and approval obtained **before** proceeding to tender.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Lane', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mary Lane,

Assistant Principal,

Roads and Local Services Section,

☎ (01) 888 2284

To: Each County and City Manager

C.C: Each Director of Service for Roads and Town Clerk

APPENDIX 1

Amount of grants available in 2006 under various grant headings

The total 2006 State provision of **€557.73m** for non-national roads will be distributed to local authorities as follows:

- **Restoration Programme grants**, totalling **€280.30m** will be paid to County Councils. Of this figure, **€205.30m** will be available for improvement works and **€75.0m** will be available for maintenance works.
- **Discretionary grants** amounting to **€85.182m** will be available to meet the cost of maintenance and improvement works selected by local authorities pursuant to relevant Departmental Circulars. This amount is broken down as follows:

County Councils	Discretionary Improvement Grant	€24.270m
County Councils	Discretionary Maintenance Grant	€28.700m
Urban Authorities	Discretionary (Block) Grant and Special (Block) Grant	€32.212m

- **Specific Improvement Grants** for road improvement projects. These grants will total **€95.939m** approx. in 2006.
- **€39.349m** has been allocated for existing **Strategic Non-National Road** projects (formerly known as roads to support Housing and Other Related Development)
- **€11.067m** has been allocated for new **Strategic Non-National Road** projects
- **€2.250m** is being provided in **Regional Traffic Management** grants to Cork, Galway, Limerick and Waterford City Councils in 2006.

- A total of **€6.640m** has been allocated under the **Regional Road Signposting Scheme**.
 - **€3.560m** has been allocated for **Low Cost Safety Improvement** work.
 - **Training Grants** of **€1.645m** have been allocated to County, City and Borough Councils in 2006.
 - **€1m** has been set aside for later allocation towards the provision and improvement of footpaths in former Town Commissioner areas.
 - A sum of **€25m** has been set aside for later allocations under the **LIS**.
 - **Miscellaneous Grants** for the following purposes are also being provided in 2006:-
 - €0.035m to the NRA for traffic counting on non-national roads.
 - €0.043m to the NRA for the annual surface dressing binder testing programme for non-national roads.
 - €0.019m for Met Éireann report services – i.e. provision of severe weather alerts to local authorities
 - €0.200m has been set aside for upgrading the Pavement Management functionality of the LGCSB 'maproad' software
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Appendix1A
Intermediate and Final Completion Dates for Non-National Road Works
County Councils

Operation	Intermediate Completion Dates	Final Completion Date
Surface Dressing (SD)	1/3 by end June 2006 2/3 by end July 2006 3/3 by end August 2006	31 August 2006
Road Reconstruction (RR) and Surface Restoration (SR) (Includes projects under EU co-financed scheme which involve Road Reconstruction)	1/3 by end May 2006 2/3 by end July 2006 3/3 by end September 2006	30 September 2006
All works other than SD, RR and SR (except schemes which of their nature must continue into 2007)	1/3 by end June 2006 2/3 by end August 2006 3/3 by end of October 2006	31 October 2006

Notes:

1. Road Reconstruction involves the regulation or reconstruction of the existing road pavement and overlaying with bound or unbound materials with or without surface dressing and the provision of drainage, where necessary.
2. Where work is completed by the various dates, the cost incurred should be reflected in the following months expenditure return. For example, the cost of surface dressing work completed by the end of June should be reflected in the June return which must be with the Department by the 16th of July, i.e. the cost should be included in either column 4, 5 or 9, as appropriate.

Appendix 1B

Completion Dates for Non-National Road Works

Urban Authorities

<i>Operation</i>	<i>Completion Date</i>
Restoration Works on Carriageways and Footpaths	30 September 2006

APPENDIX 2

MONTHLY RETURNS

Monthly Return of Expenditure on Non-National Roads

I certify that (a) the details supplied below concerning expenditure incurred and Unpaid Bills to be paid this month are correct and (b) the amounts indicated in respect of Unpaid Bills entered in column 10 below were paid during the month to which the previous claim for payment of grants related

Signed _____
Date _____

County Secretary/Finance Officer

Director of Services

Telephone Number _____

1 Category of Grant / Scheme Reference	2 2006 Grant €	3 Cumulative Grant Expenditure From 1/12/2005 To ___/___/___ €	4 Unpaid Bills (to be paid this month) €	5 Cumulative Liabilities (col 3 + col 4) €	6 Council Grant Receipts since 1/1/2006 €	7 Balance Claimed from 2006 Grant (col 5 - col 6) €	8 Committed Grant Expenditure (not included in column 4) €	9 Uncommitted balance of Grant (col 2 - col 5 - col 8) €	10 Unpaid Bills listed in col 4 of Previous Claim which were paid last month €
Limerick Co Council									
DM: Discretionary Maintenance Grant	€1,098,000								
RM: Restoration Maintenance Grant	€2,868,000								
DI: Discretionary Improvement Grant	€928,000								
RI: Restoration Improvement Grant	€8,311,000								
BS: Low Cost Safety Improvement Grants	€80,000								
SG: R522 Cork Bridge Newcastlewest	€1,340,000								
SG: Southern Distributor Road, Newcastle West	€20,000								
SG: R443R506 Cappamore Road Junction	€20,000								
SG: Bloodmill Road, Ballysimon	€20,000								
SG: R526 St. Nessian's Road, Doonadoyle	€700,000								
SG: R503 Limerick/Thurles Road (Ballynagowan/Bunkey Bridge)	€550,000								
SG: R512R516 Bruff Town junction with Hospital Rd.	€280,000								
SG: R518 Rathkeale/Askeaton Road	€200,000								
SIGN: Regional Roads Signposting	€400,000								
TR: Non National Roads Training	€44,000								
Total	€16,859,000				Total		Total		

APPENDIX 3

Unpaid Bills Non-National Roads

Month 2006

Grant Category _____

Details

Item	Name of Supplier	Invoice No.	Purpose of Payment	€

Total for Grant Category: €

Certification:

I confirm that the details above in relation to unpaid bills are accurate, that the work involved was carried out/materials were purchased and that these bills will be discharged by the end of this month.

Signed* _____

Certified* _____

Note: A separate form should be completed in respect of each grant category with the total corresponding to the amount included in the claim form. Copies of invoices etc. should **not** be forwarded to the Department unless specifically requested – as referred to in Point 6 of this Circular.

* See Point 6 of this Circular

APPENDIX 4

Individual Grant Allocations and Scheme Details for 2006

Appendix 4A
2006 Non-National Roads Grant Allocations

Local Authority	Grant Type	Scheme Location (and summary of Proposed BS/RTM Works)	Length (m)	2006 Grant	Total	
Limerick Co Council	DM: Discretionary Maintenance Grant			€1,098,000		
	RM: Restoration Maintenance Grant			€2,868,000		
	DI: Discretionary Improvement Grant			€928,000		
	RI: Restoration Improvement Grant (see attached list)			€8,311,000		
	BS: Low Cost Safety Improvement Grants		BS: At Kilimihl, SE of B'allingarry- 4 crossroads [R518 & L6036] [Provide crash barriers, signing & lining, chevrons]		€30,000	
			BS: Newcastlewest to Foynes- Rathkeale area [R521] [Provide signing, lining, studs, chevrons, JDPs, & delineators]		€10,000	
			BS: Newcastlewest to Foynes road -Newcastlewest area [R521] [Provide signing, lining, studs, & chevrons]		€10,000	
			BS: Kellehers cross- L1148 & L1147 [R511] [Remove ditches, erect fencing, provide signing & lining]		€20,000	
			BS: Old Grange Road [L8010] [Provide warning signs for bend & junction, Right turning traffic, lining, studs & JDPs. (see Garda report)]		€10,000	€80,000
	SG: Specific Improvement Grants [LGF]		SG: R522 Cork Bridge Newcastlewest		€1,340,000	
			SG: Southern Distributor Road, Newcastle West		€20,000	
			SG: R445/R506 Cappamore Road Junction		€20,000	
			SG: Bloodmill Road, Ballysimon		€20,000	
			SG: R526 St. Nessian's Road, Dooradoyle		€700,000	
			SG: R503 Limerick/Thurles Road (Ballynagowan/Bunkey Bridge)	3600	€550,000	
			SG: R512/R516 Bruff Town junction with Hospital Rd.		€280,000	
	SG: R518 Rathkeale/Askeaton Road			3500	€200,000	€3,130,000
					€400,000	
	STGN: Regional Roads Signposting (details to be agreed)					
	TR: Non National Roads Training Programme Grants				€44,000	
	Total 2006 Non-National Road Grant Allocation					€16,859,000
	Total 2005 Non-National Road Grant Allocation					€15,365,246
% Increase in Total Grant 2005 to 2006					10%	

Appendix 4B
Restoration Improvement Schemes to be carried out in 2006

[includes any R1 changes made post 27/1/06]

LA	Scheme	Class	Rd No	RdName	EngArea	Works	"Year"	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Cost (EURO)	Cumulative Cost (EURO)
Limerick Co Council				[94 schemes]							
	1-LK	R	525	Brownes Pub to Houghs Corner	Castleconnell	RR	2006	500	4000	€135,000	€135,000
	2-LK	R	R524	Athea - Glin	Rathkeale	RR	2006	1600	8529	€145,000	€280,000
	3-LK	R	R520	Courtney Bridge to Bridge of Tears	NCW	RR	2006	700	4900	€122,500	€402,500
	4-LK	R	R518	Ballygibba, Kilmallock	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1378	8268	€140,556	€543,056
	5-LK	R	514	Ballybake towards Longford Bridge	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1300	6912	€117,500	€660,556
	6-LK	LP	L1238	Dereen Athea	Rathkeale	RR	2006	1000	5855	€90,750	€751,306
	7-LK	R	R523	Flavin's Cross towards Reidy's Shop	NCW	RR	2006	1700	10140	€177,500	€928,806
	8-LK	R	516	Croom Towards Bruff	Bruff	RR	2006	1300	7780	€132,260	€1,061,066
	9-LK	R	R662	Galbally-Tipperary Co. Bds	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	5650	€96,050	€1,157,116
	10-LK	LP	1141	Continue Ballyneety to Caherconlish	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1400	6955	€107,802	€1,264,918
	11-LK	LS	L6091	Glenagra	Rathkeale	RR	2006	2500	8387	€130,000	€1,394,918
	12-LK	L	LP1301	Maiden Street, Newcastle West	NCW	RR	2006	500	2000	€50,000	€1,444,918
	13-LK	R	R663	Galbally-Garryspillane	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	5150	€87,550	€1,532,468
	14-LK	LP	1157	Old Pallas towards Coologue	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1200	7000	€108,500	€1,640,968
	15-LK	LP	L1235	Newbridge	Rathkeale	RR	2006	1000	6000	€90,000	€1,730,968
	16-LK	L	8054	Mountearl towards Liskelly	Bruff	RR	2006	1000	5500	€85,250	€1,816,218
	17-LK	L	LP1304	Cross of Maine towards Castlemahon	NCW	RR	2006	1500	7500	€116,250	€1,932,468
	18-LK	LP	LP1537	Garruse, Bruree	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4500	€69,750	€2,002,218
	19-LK	LS	5018	Murroe to Capperullen	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1500	7400	€114,700	€2,116,918
	20-LK	LS	L6106	Caheragh - Glin	Rathkeale	RR	2006	2300	9032	€140,000	€2,256,918
	21-LK	L	LP1303	Roadway at Ardriue	NCW	RR	2006	1200	4800	€74,400	€2,331,318
	22-LK	LS	LS8548	Tully, Glenroe	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	3750	€58,125	€2,389,443
	23-LK	LS	5050	Barna to Templebraden	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1500	6500	€100,500	€2,489,943
	24-LK	LS	L6058	Tinys X - Coolcappagh	Rathkeale	RR	2006	2200	9032	€140,000	€2,629,943
	25-LK	L	1403	Fitzgeralds to Ballybrown Church	Bruff	RR	2006	1300	8915	€138,175	€2,768,118
	26-LK	L	LP1302	Grange towards White's Forge	NCW	RR	2006	1000	4500	€69,750	€2,837,868
	27-LK	LS	LS8609	Clogher-Knockmore, Bruree	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1300	5200	€80,600	€2,918,468
	28-LK	LS	5106	Bohermore to Crosses Gate	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€2,995,968
	29-LK	LS	L6133	Old Abbey-Shanagolden	Rathkeale	RR	2006	2100	9500	€140,000	€3,135,968
	30-LK	L	LP1312	Roadway at Ballyowen	NCW	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€3,213,468
	31-LK	LP	LP1517	Glenbrohane-Griston	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4000	€62,000	€3,275,468
	32-LK	LS	5113	Bushy Island towards Drombarra	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	4000	€62,000	€3,337,468
	33-LK	LS	L6134	Shanbally - Askeaton	Rathkeale	RR	2006	2400	9600	€144,000	€3,481,468
	34-LK	L	8016	Ballymacstradeen East	Bruff	RR	2006	1000	4800	€71,300	€3,552,768
	35-LK	L	LP1313	Ballygeele Road	NCW	RR	2006	1000	4000	€62,000	€3,614,768
	36-LK	LS	LS8607	Lotteragh, Bruree	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	3250	€50,375	€3,665,143
	37-LK	LS	5105	Skahard to Caherconlish	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€3,742,643
	38-LK	R	R518	Rathkeale - Askeaton	Rathkeale	RR	2006	1500	7500	€131,000	€3,873,643
	39-LK	L	LP1316	Roadway at Old Barnagh	NCW	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€3,951,143
	40-LK	LP	LP1516	Ballintubber Road, Ballylanders	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€4,028,643
	41-LK	LP	1147	Ballyneety to Boherlode	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€4,106,143
	42-LK	L	1412	Bruders towards Meanus	Bruff	RR	2006	1000	7110	€110,205	€4,216,348
	43-LK	LP	L1206	5XRoads - Kilfinny	Rathkeale	RR	2006	1500	9000	€135,000	€4,351,348
	44-LK	L	LP1328	Complete works at Lower Athea	NCW	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€4,428,848
	45-LK	LS	LS8608	Sherin's Cross-Dromin	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4000	€62,000	€4,490,848
	46-LK	LS	5016	Junction with LP1123 towards Coolnahilla	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	4000	€62,000	€4,552,848
	47-LK	LP	L1237	Kilcool - Newbridge	Rathkeale	RR	2006	1900	10000	€156,000	€4,708,848
	48-LK	L	LS7010	Roadway at Ballinruane	NCW	RR	2006	1000	4000	€62,000	€4,770,848
	49-LK	LP	LP1519	Ballylanders-Galbally	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4250	€65,875	€4,836,723
	50-LK	L	8057	Garranroe	Bruff	RR	2006	1000	5500	€85,250	€4,921,973
	51-LK	LS	5015	Junction with R506 towards Killeenagariff	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	4000	€62,000	€4,983,973
	52-LK	LP	L6013	Pallaskenny - Salesian Coll	Rathkeale	RR	2006	1200	6000	€90,000	€5,073,973
	53-LK	L	LS7019	Roadway at Boola, Broadford	NCW	RR	2006	1500	6000	€93,000	€5,166,973
	54-LK	LP	LP1550	Dromin-Rathcannon	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	3800	€58,900	€5,225,873
	55-LK	LP	1122	Ahane crossroads towards Annagh Bridge	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€5,303,373
	56-LK	LS	L6006	Old Cappagh Road	Rathkeale	RR	2006	1000	3500	€55,250	€5,358,623
	57-LK	L	LS7033	Roadway from Strand towards Ballykenny	NCW	RR	2006	1200	5400	€83,700	€5,442,323
	58-LK	L	1406	Bog Road towards Creora	Bruff	RR	2006	1200	7229	€112,049	€5,554,372
	59-LK	LS	LS8531	Ballyduff, Ballylanders	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	3000	€46,500	€5,600,872
	60-LK	LP	1128	Bilboa crossroads towards Garravane	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€5,678,372
	61-LK	LP	L1208	Croom - Ballingarry	Rathkeale	RR	2006	1600	8800	€132,000	€5,810,372
	62-LK	L	LS7035	Priest Road, Monagea	NCW	RR	2006	1200	4800	€74,400	€5,884,772
	63-LK	LS	LS8512	Shrubbery Road, Bulgaden	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4000	€62,000	€5,946,772
	64-LK	LS	5135	Barna to Derk	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	3000	€46,500	€5,993,272
	65-LK	LP	L1218	Ballykerry - Coolcappa	Rathkeale	RR	2006	1600	8000	€120,000	€6,113,272
	66-LK	L	LS7036	Cusack's Height towards Dromroe	NCW	RR	2006	1000	3500	€54,250	€6,167,522

Appendix 4B
Restoration Improvement Schemes to be carried out in 2006

[includes any R: changes made post 27/1/06]

LA	Scheme	Class	Rd No	RdName	EngArea	Works	"Year"	Length (m)	Area (sq.m)	Cost (EURO)	Cumulative Cost (EURO)
	67-LK	L	1419	Croom towards Carrigeen	Bruff	RR	2006	1000	4853	€75,230	€6,242,752
	68-LK	LT	LT85343	Thornhillawn,Kilglass	Kilmallock	RR	2006	700	2100	€32,550	€6,275,302
	69-LK	LS	5128	Junction with R513 towards Caherline school	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€6,352,802
	70-LK	L	LS7039	Roadway at Upper Toumafulia	NCW	RR	2006	1000	3500	€54,250	€6,407,052
	71-LK	LP	LP1505	Baggotstown,Bruff	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4500	€69,750	€6,476,802
	72-LK	LS	5137	Oota village towards Community centre	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€6,554,302
	73-LK	L	LS7056	Railway Bridge towards Dillane's Forge	NCW	RR	2006	1200	4920	€76,350	€6,630,652
	74-LK	LS	LS8506	Knockainy-Kilballyowen	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4200	€65,100	€6,695,752
	75-LK	LS	5003	Gardenhill to Tipperary County Boundary	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€6,773,252
	76-LK	L	LS7058	Riordan's Cross towards Pound Cross	NCW	RR	2006	1800	8100	€125,550	€6,898,802
	77-LK	LP	LP1508	Bottomstown,Elton	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4500	€69,750	€6,968,552
	78-LK	LP	1153	Dromkeen to cloverfield	Castleconnell	RR	2006	1000	5000	€77,500	€7,046,052
	79-LK	L	LS7084	Roadway at Parkanna, Athea	NCW	RR	2006	1200	4200	€65,100	€7,111,152
	80-LK	LS	LS8562	Kilbreedy-Martinstown,Kilmallock	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4000	€62,000	€7,173,152
	81-LK	L	LS7098	Roadway at Dromdiveen	NCW	RR	2006	1000	3000	€46,500	€7,219,652
	82-LK	LP	LP1542	Drewscourt,Ballygran	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4500	€69,750	€7,289,402
	83-LK	LS	LS8651	Knockainy Hill	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	3000	€46,500	€7,335,902
	84-LK	LP	LP1552	Uregare,Bruff	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4500	€69,750	€7,405,652
	85-LK	LS	LS8520	Church Road,Knocklong	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4870	€75,485	€7,481,137
	86-LK	LS	LS8580	Mill Hill,Kilfinane	Kilmallock	RR	2006	600	3000	€75,000	€7,556,137
	87-LK	LP	LP1599	Ballinamona,Hospital	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	4500	€69,750	€7,625,887
	88-LK	LS	LS8509	Ballincolloo,Kilmallock	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1100	3850	€59,675	€7,685,562
	89-LK	LT	LT68301	Kilfinane,Galbally	Kilmallock	RR	2006	1000	3000	€46,500	€7,732,062
	90-LK	LP	LP1523	Barna-Dungrud,Galbally	Kilmallock	RR	2006	750	3001	€46,517	€7,778,579
	91-LK	R	513	Caherconlish Village to Hurling field	Castleconnell	RR	2007	1000	4000	€135,000	€7,913,579
	92-LK	R	R524	Glin - Athea	Rathkeale	RR	2007	1600	9600	€185,000	€8,078,579
	93-LK	R	R519	Roadway from Dromcollogher towards Tirigie Cross	NCW	RR	2007	1500	8250	€144,375	€8,222,954
	94-LK	R	R663	Galbally-Garyspillane	Kilmallock	RR	2007	1000	5150	€87,550	€8,310,504

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14th February, 2006.

Don Chathaoirlach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT ALLOCATIONS 2006
BUS LANE FACILITIES

A Chara,

Set out hereunder are details of allocations notified by the Department of Transport for Bus Lane Facilities in 2006:

1. **R526 St. Nessian's Road – Allocation €0.5M**
Construction of a new bus lane from Raheen Roundabout to Ballykeeffe Roundabout.
2. **R445 Ennis Road – Allocation €0.9M**
Construction of a new bus lane from Coonagh Roundabout to Caherdavin Cross.
3. **R445 Dublin Road – Allocation €15,000**
Design of a new bus lane from the Newport Road Roundabout to the Groody Roundabout.

Mise le meas,



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30 January 2006

Mr Pat O'Neill
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Dear Tom,

I refer further to your letter of December 8th 2005 and your request for funding of €1.415m in 2006.

I am happy to convey approval for €1.415m funding by the Department of Transport for Limerick County Council in 2006 to be made up as follows: -

- Completion of Bus Priority Measures Contract on R526 St. Messan's Road
€0.5m
- Construction of Bus Priority Measures on the R445 Ennis Road
€0.9m
- Supplementary Design Budget R445 Dublin Road
€0.015

Payment requests should be signed off by yourself or a senior figure in the County Council certifying that the work in respect of which the payment is being sought has been carried out to your satisfaction.

I would like to remind you that this funding allocation cannot be carried forward to next year. Accordingly, for it to be fully allocated to the Council, the drawdown process should be completed well in advance of end of the year, as the Department's Finance Unit is not usually in a position to process claims submitted after the second week of December any year.

Yours Sincerely,

Paul Hannon
Assistant Principal

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17th February 2006

Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball den Comhairle

Re: Construction of a New Swimming Pool & Leisure Centre at Askeaton – Deed of Covenant/Charge

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

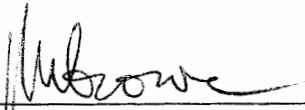
In its letter of the 22nd December 2005, conveying approval to the allocation of grant-aid of €3,809,214 to the development of the new swimming pool & Leisure centre in Askeaton, the Department of Arts, Sports & Tourism specified that a Deed of Charge and Covenant to safeguard the public investment in the facility would be required. It further specified that the Deed would cover the following:

- a. It would involve a charge on the property for a period of 15 years and for repayment of the grant-aid in the event of the facility not continuing to be used for the purpose for which the grant-aid was allocated. The parties to the Deed will be the Minister for Arts, Sport & Tourism, Limerick County Council and Askeaton Pool & Leisure Ltd. and the Deed has to be formally executed before any payment of the grant-aid will be made.
- b. The site of the property where the proposed development is to take place must be owned by Limerick County Council or held under lease for a term generally not less than 15 years.
- c. No changes to the composition of the Special Purpose Company, i.e. Askeaton Pool & Leisure Ltd. can be made without the permission of the Department.
- d. Askeaton Pool & Leisure Ltd. will be responsible for making arrangements for the management, maintenance & insurance of the proposed facility.
- e. The Deed will require that the Council & Askeaton Pool & Leisure Ltd. ensure that the facility will satisfy the Department's social and sport objectives. In this regard, in addition to the normal public access required under this programme, access at reasonable hours and at reasonable cost must be made available for disadvantaged groups. Specifically, any membership arrangement must not result in the exclusion of "pay per swim" users and access arrangements to address social inclusion objectives should be confirmed by Limerick County Development Board as being consistent with its strategy for economic, Social & Cultural Development.

To advance the construction and management of this facility going forward, the Council and Askeaton Swimming Club Committee has formalised its partnership through the formation of a company, Askeaton Pool & Leisure Ltd., in which the Council holds the majority shareholding and directorships. Tenders have been received for the project and all parties are anxious to proceed to construction as soon as possible.

Section 66 of the Local Government Act 2001 requires the approval of the Council to the execution of said Deed of Covenant and Charge as required by the Department. A resolution of the Council is now sought to this effect.

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**DIRECTOR,
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16th February 2006

Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball den Comhairle

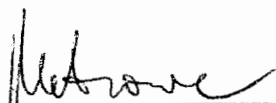
Re: Small Towns & Villages Initiative - Doon Waste Water Treatment Plant.

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

I enclose, herewith, report prepared pursuant to the provisions of the Planning & Development Regulations 2001 in relation to the proposed upgrading of the waste water treatment plant in Doon in order to cater for current demands, and future growth in the village. A consortium of developers have come together and, in partnership with the Council, have developed detailed plans for these works.

The proposal was advertised on the 17th December 2005 and plans and particulars were placed on public display. The closing date for receipt of submissions was 7th February 2006 and no such submissions were received.

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**DIRECTOR,
TRANSPORTATION AND WATER SERVICES**

**PLANNING REPORT IN ACCORDANCE WITH
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT ACT 2000
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS
2001.**

**Re: Upgrading of existing sewage treatment plant at
Kilmoylan Lower, Doon, Co. Limerick**

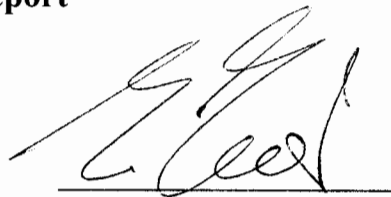


**Stephane Duclot
Senior Executive Planner**



**James Feane
Director Of Services**

**Pursuant to Part VIII of the Local Government (Planning and
Development Regulations 2001, this report is submitted to the
members of Limerick County Council. In accordance with
Section 179(4)(B) of the above Act, it is proposed to proceed as
indicated in Section 5 of this report**



**NED GLEESON
COUNTY MANAGER**

14/02/06

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1. Foreword

This planning report has been prepared pursuant to Part 8, Local Government (Planning and Development) Regulations, 2001

2. Description of the nature and extent of the proposed development

Limerick County Council proposes to upgrade the existing sewage treatment plant at Kilmoylan Lower, Doon.

Access is by the existing local road off the R505 and it is proposed to upgrade the existing plant. The highest proposed structure tank is 5.50m. The general height of the remaining structures is 4.6m.

The site is screened by hedgerow and is located within the site of the existing treatment plant, well off the main road.

3. Likely implications, if any with respect to the proper planning and development of the area

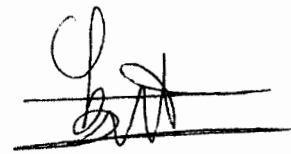
The site is located outside of the settlement boundary for the town of Doon and within an area of strong agricultural base which has no implication for an application such as this. The use on site has been established and therefore it is considered that the proposed alterations are in keeping with the Development Plan objectives for the area.

4. Submissions received: content and Planning Department's comments

There were no submissions received in respect of the proposed development.

5. Action by the Local Authority

In view of the above, it is recommended that the Local Authority proceed with the proposed development as submitted to the Planning Department.

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13/02/2006

Surveyed 2002
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Rural PLACE Map



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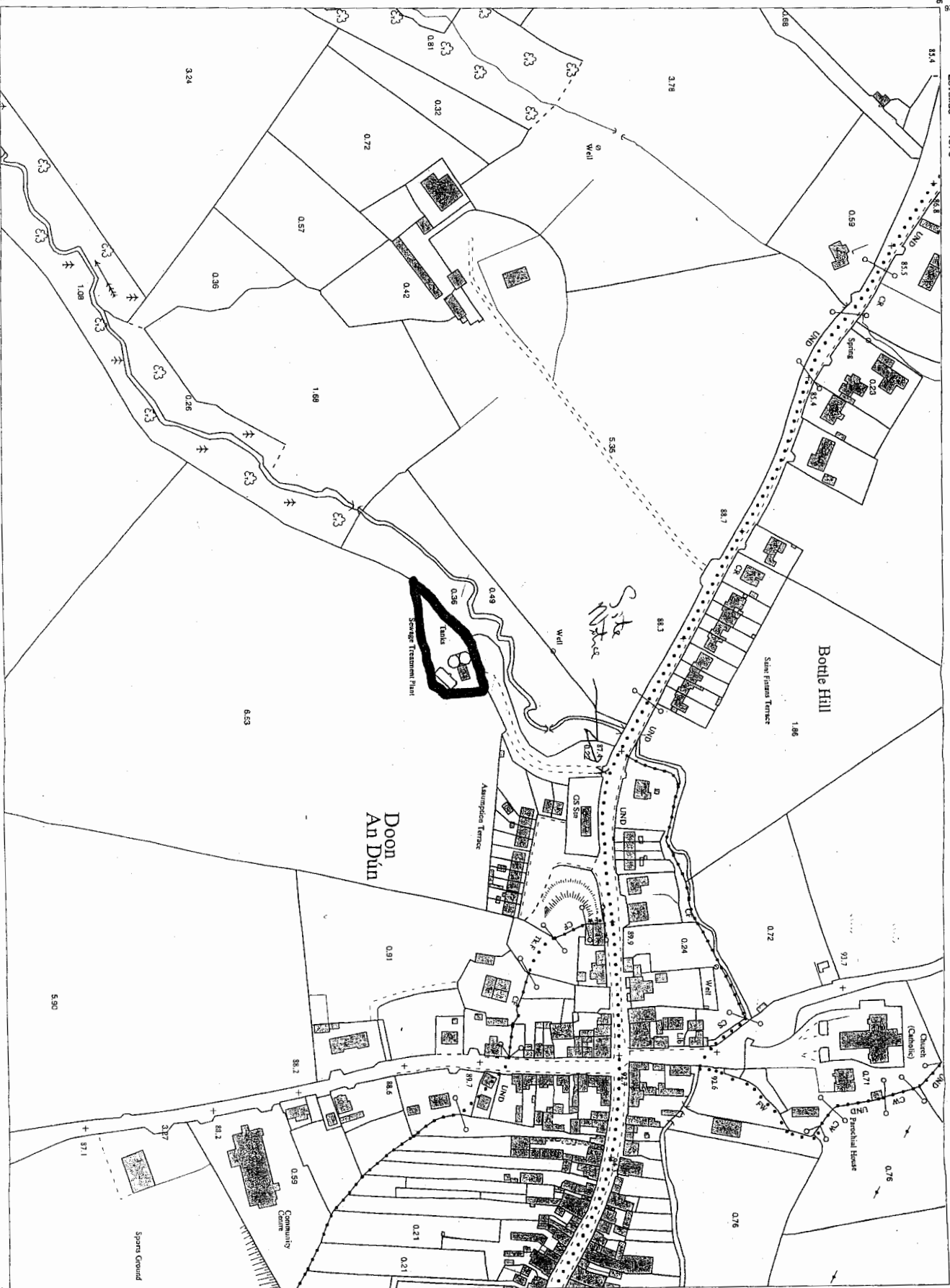


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20th February, 2006.

Don Chathaoirlach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle

Re: Extinguishment of Public Rights of Way at Glenmore Lawn, Caherdavin

A Chara,

There are ongoing problems of anti-social behaviour in a private housing estate known as Glenmore Lawn caused principally by youths from the adjoining local authority estate, Moyross, passing through the area to access shops and off-licences. Numerous complaints have been received over the years and various efforts such as the erection of walls and railings and installation of turnstiles etc. have been made to try and alleviate the situation. These efforts did not prove very effective and it has been proposed by some residents of the estate supported by the local Gardai that these passageways be closed off thereby ensuring that there was no valid reason to pass through the estate.

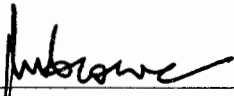
Following the hearing of deputations from both the residents and Gardai and consideration of the matter at area meetings the Bruff Area Committee decided to initiate the process as set out in the 1993 Roads Act of extinguishing the rights of way over these accesses.

The proposal was advertised and submissions and observations were invited. A substantial number of submissions were received both in favour and against the proposal. When these were subsequently considered by the area committee it was agreed that an independent Arbitrator be appointed to hear both sides and make a recommendation. This oral hearing was held late last year. I am enclosing for your information and consideration a copy of the Arbitrator's report wherein he synthesises all the submissions received and the case made by those represented at the hearing. He makes a recommendation that only one entrance, that at the shop, marked 'C' be closed. A map of the area is enclosed for your information.

This report was again considered at the Bruff Area Meeting but the committee decided not to go with the recommendation but to recommend to the Council that all three access points be closed off.

As the extinguishment of a right of way is a reserved function it is now a matter for the Council to consider the proposal and pass whatever resolution they deem appropriate.

Mise le meas,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Browne", written over a horizontal line.

**DIRECTOR,
TRANSPORTATION & WATER SERVICES.**

Comhairle Contae Thiobraid Árann Thuaidh
North Tipperary County Council



Our Ref:

15th December 2005

Mr. Jim Guinane,
Administrative Officer,
Limerick County Council,
Area Office,
Annacotty,
Co. Limerick.

Re: **Proposed Extinguishment of Right of Way between (A) Aherlow Court Drive and Aherlow Close, (B) Camira Court and Aherlow Close and (C) Aherlow Close to Cratloe Road (beside shop).**

Dear Mr. Guinane,

Enclosed please find my Report and Recommendations on the above.

Yours faithfully,

**MARCUS O'CONNOR
SENIOR ENGINEER
ROADS SECTION**



LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

SECTION 73 (d) OF THE ROADS ACT 1993

Proposed Extinguishment of Right of Way between (A) Aherlow Court Drive and Aherlow Close, (B) Camira Court and Aherlow Close and (C) Aherlow Close to Cratloe Road (beside shop)

A. **Background:** Limerick County Council is proposing to extinguish the above three Rights of Way as shown on drawing no. 08/08/2005 in an effort to reduce anti social behaviour in the estate. The Council advertised its intention to extinguishment the Right of Way and invited submissions from residents affected by the proposal. It would appear that the residents of the estate are almost equally divided in favour of and against the proposal with the residents of the central estates of Aherlow Close and Galtee Close generally in favour of the proposal whereas the residents in the outer estates of Shanrath, Galtee Avenue, Cratloe Court Drive, The Dell and Camira Court are generally against the proposed extinguishments of Right of Way. Limerick County Council has asked the undersigned Marcus O'Connor, Senior Engineer, North Tipperary County Council to consider written submissions on the proposal, to conduct an Oral Hearing into the proposal and finally to make recommendations to the Council on the proposed extinguishment of the three rights of way.

B. **Written Submissions:** Written submissions were received as set out below:-

(1) **Don & Breege Cameron, 3 Clifton Close, Ennis Road, Limerick**

- ❖ Objects to the proposed extinguishment in that it will force his elderly mother to walk a much further distance than presently from Camira Court to the Cratloe Road.
- ❖ He feels the proposal is very divisive and will sever outer houses from the centre of their estate.
- ❖ The proposal will force residents of Camira Court to access the Cratloe Road via Cratloe Court Drive which he feels is unsafe.

(2) **Ina & Des Langford, 13 Camira Court, Cratloe Ct., Caherdavin, Limerick**

- ❖ Proposal to shut the estate is not representative of the views of the entire estate particularly those in Camira Court, The Dell, Cratloe Court Drive and Shanrath.
- ❖ Closing the rights of way would force all pedestrians down one road where they could be vulnerable to attack by gangs. The proposal is divisive and will lead to more segregation.

- ❖ The proposed closure of the right of way between Camira Court and Aherlow Close would deny access to the green space at Aherlow Close which is frequently used by their children.
- (3) **Mrs. Margaret Stone, 17 Camira Court, Cratloe Court, Caherdavin, Limerick (enclosing a petition signed by 37 individuals).**
- ❖ Proposal is divisive. Proposal will cause undue hardship to those without cars and lengthen their journeys to and from the Cratloe Road. Proposal has been submitted by a group which is not representative of the entire area.
- (4) **Margaret Stone, Camira Court, Cratloe Court, Caherdavin. Des & Ina Langford, 13 Camira Court, Cratloe Court, Caherdavin Enclosing a petition signed by 9 individuals.**
- ❖ Proposal will not solve problems in the area but merely push them onto a different area. Pedestrians will have only one route to the Cratloe Road which is potentially dangerous. The proposal is divisive and will lead to resentment.
 - ❖ Proposal may lead to the devaluation of property values in the area.
- (5) **Patrick Dillon, 4 Galtee Avenue, Glenmore Lawn, Caherdavin, Limerick.**
- ❖ Proposal will force more traffic down Galtee Avenue and will cause major problems with anti social behaviour, vandalism and litter.
- (6) **Catherine Keane, 8 Shanrath, Old Cratloe Road, Limerick (enclosing 33 signatures)**
- ❖ Proposal is divisive. Proposal will funnel problems and all pedestrian traffic down Galtee Avenue and past Shanrath Estate increasing problems with anti social behaviour and muggings.
 - ❖ The newly formed Residents Association behind proposal excludes large parts of the residents in the estate.
- (7) **Ms. Dawn Kiely, 15 Cratloe Court Drive, Glenmore Lawn, Caherdavin, Limerick (enclosing 8 signatures)**
- ❖ Proposal will not solve problems but merely move it from one street to another. Proposal will force residents to walk around the estate which can be quite dangerous.
 - ❖ Residents Committee is not representative of all residents on the estate.
 - ❖ Walkways have been used for over 22 years and residents are entitled to keep them.

(8) **Aherlow & Galtee Close Residents, 32 Aherlow Close, Glenmore Lawn, Caherdavin, Co. Limerick (enclosing 53 signatures)**

- ❖ Overwhelming majority of residents of Aherlow & Galtee Close are in favour of closure.
- ❖ Acknowledges that closing the extinguishing the rights of way will affect some residents on Camira Court, particularly the elderly.
- ❖ Closing walkways will provide a safe and green area for children to play in.
- ❖ Gardai fully support the proposal. Anti social behaviour, caused by proximity of off licences, is a major problem in the estate.

(9) **Thomond Student Village, Old Cratloe Road, Limerick.**

- ❖ Proposed closure of walkways will result in more gangs walking up and down the main route to the local shop causing a threat to the students of the Thomond Student Village.

(10) **Marion Hannafin, 8, Galtee Close, Caherdavin, Limerick.**

- ❖ Lists several episodes of vandalism and anti social behaviour in the estate.
- ❖ Gardai are in favour of the closures.

(11) **John O’Keeffe, 35 Aherlow Close, Caherdavin, Limerick.**

- ❖ In favour of closure of rights of way as it will greatly improve security of his home. Concerned that any land which is made redundant as a result of an extinguishment will not become an area for anti social behaviour and enquiries whether bordering houses could acquire any such areas.

(12) **Residents of Cratloe Court**

- ❖ Residents have been subject to vandalism and abuse for a long number of years.
- ❖ It is dangerous to allow children to walk along Cratloe Court Drive particularly at night.
- ❖ Children will not be able to access the green area if walls are erected.
- ❖ It could lead to a devaluation of property of property values in their estate.

(13) **7, The Dell, Cratloe Court, Caherdavin, Limerick.**

- ❖ Proposed closure will cut this resident off from the rest of the estate which he/she has had access to for the last 21 years.

(14) **Mrs. Breda Sheehan, 6 Galtee Avenue, Glenmore, Caherdavin, Co. Limerick (enclosing 11 signatures).**

- ❖ Objects to closure on the grounds that it will only move the problem from one street to another at the expense of the residents of Galtee Avenue.
- ❖ Problem will be funnelled along Galtee Avenue which will lead to an increase of anti social behaviour and vandalism.
- ❖ Committee proposing closures is not representative and serves vested interest only. Walkways have been used by the entire estate for over 22 years.

(15) **Edel Leavy, 5 The Dell, Cratloe Court, Caherdavin, Co. Limerick (enclosing 16 signatures)**

- ❖ Closure would cause undue hardship to those particularly without cars.
- ❖ Proposed closure would only move problems from one street to another.
- ❖ Residents committee is not representative of the entire estate.
- ❖ Walkways have been used by residents for over 22 years.
- ❖ Closure would force residents to walk along a very dangerous road on long winter nights.

C. **Oral Hearing:** The 15th November 2005.

Venue: Limerick County Council Headquarters, Dooradoyle.
Present: Marcus O'Connor, Inspector, Senior Roads Engineer,
North Tipperary County Council
Mr. Jim Guinane, Administrative Officer, Limerick County Council

Group A. – **Mr. Don Cameron, 3 Clifden Close, Ennis Road, Limerick.**
Mrs. Margaret Stone, 17 Camira Court, Cratloe Court, Caherdavin, Limerick.
Alice Hayes/Cahill, 4 Camira Court, Cratloe Court, Caherdavin, Limerick.
Des Langford, 13 Camira Court, Cratloe Court, Caherdavin, Limerick.

The following points were made by this group in opposing the extinguishment of the right of way:-

- ❖ Proposal would close established rights of way.
- ❖ Proposal would move, not solve, social problems in the estate.
- ❖ Children would not be able to get safely from Camira Court to the bus stop on the Cratloe Road or go to school.

- ❖ Children in Camira Court should have access to the green area in Aherlow Close for playing.
- ❖ Proposed wall would only stop the very young and elderly from accessing the green area. It would not prevent teenagers.
- ❖ In response to a suggestion from the Inspector the group stated that it would be preferable to extinguish just the right of ways at C only rather than extinguish all three rights of way A, B and C.

Group B. – Raymond and Edel Leavy, 5 The Dell, Cratloe Court, Caherdavin, Limerick.

This couple were opposed to the proposed closures and made the following points:-

- ❖ The Off Licenses on the Cratloe Road are the cause of major anti social behaviour in the estate. There are continuous problems with vandalism on the estate and stones and bottles are regularly being thrown from the Moyross area into the Dell.
- ❖ The Council should be promoting social integration and not segregation.
- ❖ In response to a suggestion by the Inspector this couple stated that extinguishing the right of way at C and leaving A and B open would be a reasonable compromise to the problem.

Group C. – Catherine Keane, 8 Shanrath, Old Cratloe Road, Limerick.

Ms. Keane was against the proposed extinguishments of right of way and made the following points:

- ❖ She bought her house as an open estate and would not support any attempts to divide it off with walls.
- ❖ Small children and the elderly would be unable to clear any dividing walls but teenagers would have no difficulty with them.
- ❖ In response to a suggestion from the Inspector, Ms. Keane felt that leaving A and B open and closing C would lead to youths congregating around the wall at C.

Group D.- Ms. Dawn Kiely, 15 Cratloe Court Drive, Caherdavin, Limerick.

Ms. Kiely is against the proposed closure and made the following points:-

- ❖ She has four daughters and believe that any proposal to shut off these rights of way would make it extremely dangerous for these to safely go to school.
- ❖ Her children use Aherlow Close to play in and would find it more difficult to access it if the rights of way at **A** and **B** were extinguished.
- ❖ In response to a suggestion from the Inspector Ms. Kiely felt that a proposal to leave **A** and **B** open and to extinguish the right of way at **C** “would not be too bad”.

Group E.-

Mr. John O’Keeffe, 35 Aherlow Close, Caherdavin.

Limerick.

Ms. Anne Kupka, 8 Aherlow Close, Caherdavin, Limerick.

Jim Butler, 32 Aherlow Close, Caherdavin, Limerick.

Rose McNamara, 13 Aherlow Close, Caherdavin, Limerick.

Sgt. Owen Gogarty, An Garda Siochana, Mayorstown.

This group were very much in favour of extinguishing all three rights of way **A**, **B** and **C** and closing them off permanently. The residents made the following points:-

- ❖ All have suffered extensively from vandalism over the years and Mr. O’Keeffe recorded €11,200 of damage to his property.

Sgt. Gogarty made the following additional points, from a policing perspective:-

- ❖ The greater good has to prevail in deciding whether the rights of way should be extinguished or not.
- ❖ The residents of Aherlow Close and Galtee Close are effectively under siege and the extinguishment of rights of way at **A** and **B** and the erection of walls there would give them relief.
- ❖ The estate is extremely difficult to police and at present it would need four police units to police it effectively. Extinguishing the walls at point **A** & **B** would effectively cut off four avenues of escape which are currently available to gangs.

In response to questions that put to them by the Inspector the Group made the following responses:-

- ❖ Social segregation is not an issue.
- ❖ The Group did not accept that the erection of a barrier at **A** & **B** would make the walk from Camira Court to Cratloe Road much longer.
- ❖ The Group did not accept that the extinguishment of rights of way at **A** & **C** would force the residents of Camira Court, Cratloe Court Drive and the Dell to “run

the gauntlet” and they felt they be under siege in any event.

- ❖ The Group would not be happy with any proposal to extinguish the right of way at **C** and to leave **A** and **B** open.

Group F.- Fergus Maher, Management of Thomond Student Village, Old Cratloe Road, Limerick

Mr. Maher made the following points:-

- ❖ The Thomond Village is a €40 m development with a capacity for 570 students (presently 460). The student village has constant problems with broken windows and vandalism.
- ❖ It opposes the extinguishments of right of way because problems would be merely moved onto Galtee Avenue.
- ❖ In response to a suggestion from the Inspector Mr. Maher stated that a proposal to extinguish the right way at **C** and not at **A** and **B** would be okay.

D. Inspector's Recommendation.

Having considered

(a) the proposal of Limerick County Council to extinguish the rights of way between :-

- A** Cratloe Court Drive and Aherlow Close;
- B** Camira Court and Aherlow Close;
- C** Aherlow Close and Cratloe Road (beside shop).

(b) Fifteen written submissions.

(c) The arguments put forward at the Oral Hearing in Limerick County Council, Headquarters on the 15th December 2005 and having inspected the site I recommend:-

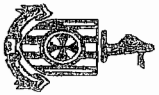
1. The proposal to extinguish the rights of way between **A** Cratloe Court Road and Aherlow Close and **B** Camira Court and Aherlow Close would partition off areas of the estate in an unacceptable manner. It would prevent children in Camira Court, The Dell and Cratloe Court Drive from accessing the green area in Aherlow Close. It would force the residents of Camira Court, in particular, to make a much longer journey to the Cratloe Road along a route which many of them consider to be

unsafe. Therefore I recommend that the rights of way at **A** and **B** not be extinguished.

2. The proposal to extinguish the right of way at **C** between Aherlow Close and Cratloe Road (beside shop) would not, in my view, cause any undue hardship to any residents in the area. The extinguishment of the right of way may help prevent antisocial elements from travelling through the Glenmore Lawn Estates on their way from the Off Licence and this may be of help in reducing antisocial behaviour in the estate. In order for this to be successful a substantial wall would have to be erected at **C** and the adjoining walls which are the property of householders would also have to be raised in order to form a continuous barrier. This could only be done with the agreement of the house owners. If this agreement is not forthcoming then any wall would have little if any effect. It would also be essential that the lighting in the vicinity of this wall be examined so that temptation to congregate in this area is minimised. I therefore recommend that the right of way at **C** between Aherlow Close and Cratloe Road be extinguished.
3. I am aware that Limerick County Council proposes to lay a new macadam road surface along Galtee Avenue and I would recommend that this be done as soon as practicable. Consideration should also be given to upgrading public lighting along Galtee Avenue and also to installing traffic calming measures along Galtee Avenue in an effort to reduce vehicular speeds.

Signed: _____

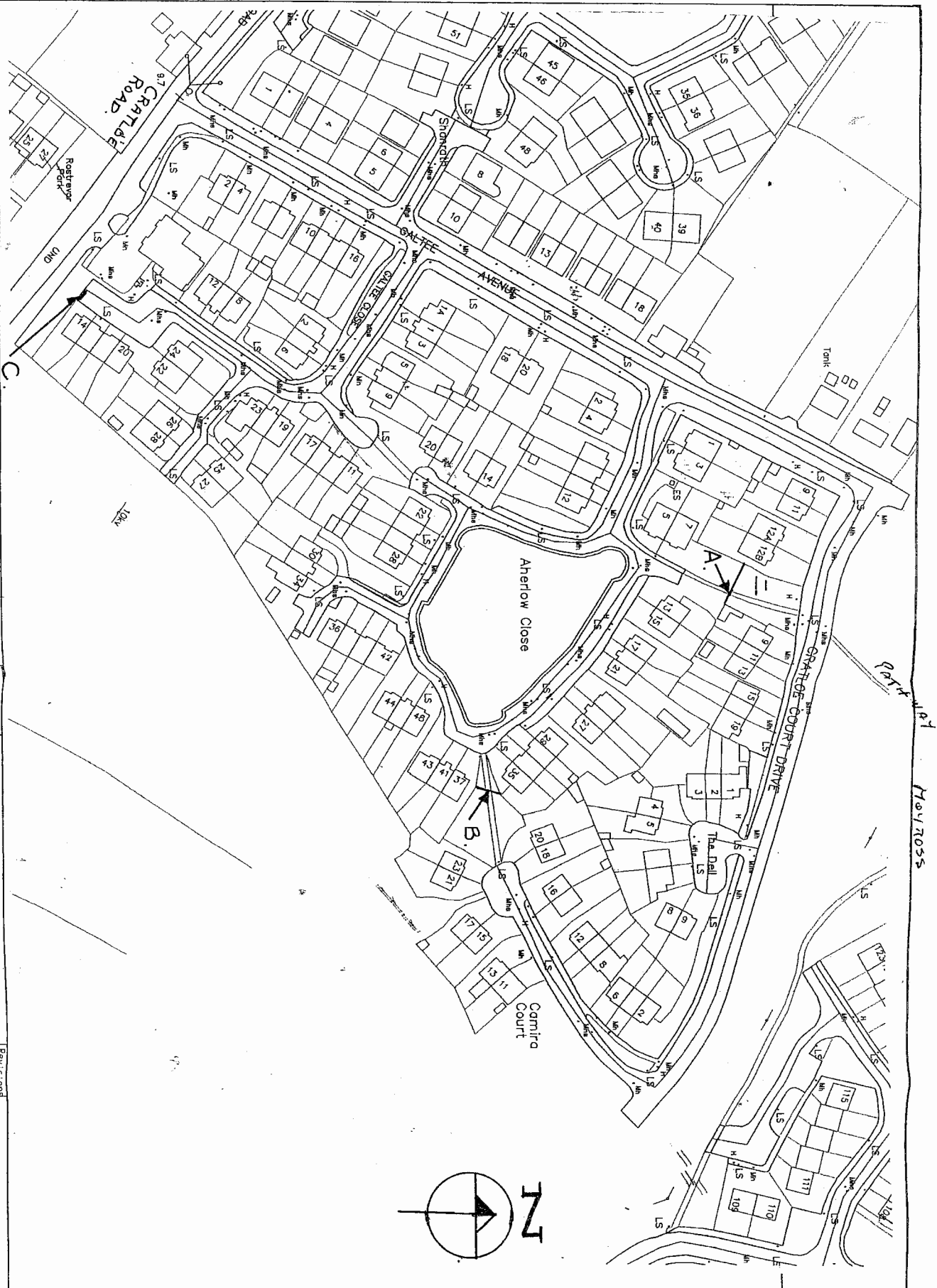
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Project/Title

Location Map Showing

Extinguishment of 3 Public Rights of Way Glenmore Lawn

Coherdawn

Between Cratloe Court Drive & Aherlow Close. A.

Between Carrigra Court & Aherlow Close. B.

Between Carrigra Court & Aherlow Close. C.

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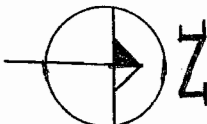
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**COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH
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17th February 2006

Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

It is proposed that the following estate be taken in charge by Limerick County Council.

- Cill Chluain, Church Street, Rathkeale

Following examination of the estate and discussion with the developers, the Council is now satisfied that the estate have been brought up to a satisfactory standard for taking in charge.

In accordance with section 180 of the Planning and Development Act 2000 and Section 11 of the Roads Act 1993 public notice was given of the intention of the Council to consider the matter to declare the roads in these estates to be public roads and to take over the estates.

The drawings were put on public display for a period of 1 month and a further two weeks was given for receipt of objections or representations in relation to the proposed take over, as required by legislation.

No submissions were received in relation to any of the estates.

This matter was considered at the meeting of the Rathkeale Area Committee held on 23rd January 2006, where it was agreed that the take over of the estate would be brought before the next meeting of the full Council for approval.


James Feane

Director, Planning & Development



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Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle

Re: Corporate Building Programme

A Chomhairleoir, a Chara,

The County Council has in recent years developed a new Area Office in Newcastle West and a new headquarters at County Hall, Dooradoyle. These new offices have greatly improved customer services and accessibility by the public to those services. Construction is due to commence shortly on a new County Library HQ, Motor Tax Office, Environmental Laboratory and Regional Road Design Office and Regional Waste Management Office at the former O'Tooles Building on Dooradoyle Road.

The Area Offices and Libraries in Rathkeale, Kilmallock and the Area Office in Annacotty are all in need of major upgrading and it is proposed to redevelop these offices and libraries over the next few years in order to provide proper facilities for customers, elected representatives and staff.

The Council proposes to provide three large public neighbourhood parks in Limerick City Environs at Ballykeefe, Caherdavin and Castletroy. Draft Master Plans for these parks are being prepared and it is intended to put these on public display in March. Once the necessary land has been acquired planning approval will be sought for the development of the parks which it is proposed to developed over the next two to three years.

The above projects are just a number of the projects which form the Council's 3 year Corporate Building Programme, a full list of which is detailed below.

Funding of the Corporate Building programme comes from three main sources:-

1. Department of Environment and Local Government grant assistance
2. County Council's own resources
3. Development Contribution Scheme.

Projects such as the Mungret Civic Amenity Centre, Libraries and Kilmallock Fire Station are substantially grant aided by the DoEHLG. The redevelopment of Area Offices must be substantially met from the Council's own resources and the provision of the neighbourhood parks can be met from the Council's own resources and the Development Contribution Scheme.

No.	Project	Status
1	Mungret Civic Amenity Centre	Under construction
2	O'Tooles Building	To commence construction
3	Kilmallock Area Depot	To commence construction
4	Kilmallock Fire Station	Design with DoEHLG
5	Rathkeale Area Office	Planning and Tender Documents stage
6	Annacotty Area Office	Feasibility Stage
7	Kilmallock Area Office Redevelopment	Design Stage
8	Kilmallock Library	Design Stage
9	Castletroy Neighbourhood Park	Advanced Design Stage
10	Ballykeefe Neighbourhood Park	Advanced Design Stage
11	Caherdavin Neighbourhood Park	Advanced Design Stage
12	Dog Pound	Construction Stage
13	Civil Defence Building	Tenders Received

3- Year Corporate Building Programme

In order to minimise the need to borrow funding to finance the building programme an assessment of the assets of the Council was recently carried out with a view to disposing of assets which are surplus to requirements and which are currently being under utilised. A list of these is detailed below.

No.	Property
1	58 O'Connell St., Limerick (Co. Library HQ)
2	Old Courthouse, Adare
3	Lands at Clonmacken (18.76 Acres)
4	Lands at Dublin Road, Castletroy (5.61 Acres)
5	Lands at Foynes (8.5 Acres)

Approval in principle is sought from the Elected Members to the disposal of the above. It is proposed that the disposal process for the above properties be commenced. Formal approval to the disposal of each will be brought before the Council at a later date.



Tom Enright
 Director of Services
 Environment and Emergency Services

CORRESPONDENCE

FEBRUARY 2006 COUNCIL MEETING

- E-Mail Received on 18th January, 2006, from the Town Clerk, Balbriggan Town Council.
 - Letter Received on 20th January, 2006, from the Department of Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.
 - E-Mail Received on 23rd January, 2006, from the Meetings Administrator, Offaly County Council.
 - Letter Received by the Cathaoirleach on 26th January, 2006, from Mr. Michael Roche, County Chairman, Limerick IFA.
 - E-Mail Received on 24th January, 2006, from Fingal County Council.
 - Letter Received on 26th January, 2006, from Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources.
 - E-Mail Received on 2nd February, 2006, from North Tipperary County Council.
 - E-Mail Received on 2nd February, 2006, from North Tipperary County Council.
 - Letter Received on 7th February, 2006, from the Office of the Minister for Transport, Mr. Martin Cullen, T.D. in reply to resolution adopted by the Council calling for immediate steps to be taken to have the towns of Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale by-passed.
 - Letter Received on 15th February, 2006, from Ms. Annamarie McNally, Programme Administrator, National Roads Authority.
 - Letter Received on 16th February, 2006, from Mr. Noel Dempsey, T.D., Minister for Communications, Marine & Natural Resources.
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Shanny Jacinta

From: Haugh Anne
Sent: 19 January 2006 10:27
To: Shanny Jacinta
Subject: FW: Motion Maps to Gardai



Local Authorities -
maps with ...

For correspondence

-----Original Message-----

From: Balbriggan Town Council [mailto:balbriggantc@eircom.net]
Sent: 18 January 2006 15:51
To: 'Ardee Town Council'; 'Arklow Town Council'; 'Athlone Town Council';
'Athy Town Council'; 'Ballina Town Council'; 'Ballinasloe Town Council';
'Ballyshannon Town Council'; 'Bantry Town Council'; 'Birr Town Council';
'Boyle Town Council'; 'Bray Town Council'; 'Buncrana Town Council';
'Bundoran Town Council'; 'Carlow County Council'; 'Carlow Town Council';
'Carrick On suir Town Council'; 'Carrickmacross Town Council'; 'Cashel
Town Council'; 'Castleblaney Town Council'; 'Cavan County Council'
Subject: Motion Maps to Gardai

Attached herewith please find text of a motion passed at the Statutory Meeting of Balbriggan Town Council held on 13th December 2005

15th December 2005

TO: Each Local Authority

A Chara,

At the statutory meeting of Balbriggan Town Council held on 13th December 2005, the following motion was unanimously adopted and the members requested that it be forwarded to all Local Authorities for support:-

“Balbriggan Town Council call on all Local Authorities to arrange for developers of new residential housing estates to provide maps with house numbers for emergency services ie. An Garda Síochána in the interest of safety.

I would be grateful if you would bring this motion to the attention of the members of your local authority.

Is mise le meas,

Brian Murray
Cleireach an Bhaile



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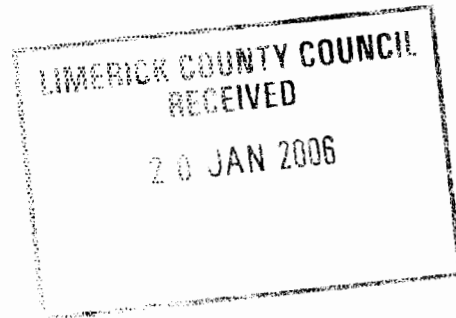
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Ref:GO-20069

19 January 2006

Ms. Anne Haugh
County Secretary
Limerick County Council
County Hall
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Co. Limerick



Dear Ms. Haugh

On behalf of the Minister for Communications, Marine & Natural Resources, Mr. Noel Dempsey T.D., I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 23rd December 2005 regarding the retention of rural post offices.

Your letter is currently receiving attention and we will be in contact with you in the near future.

Yours sincerely

Carina O'Donoghue

Carina O'Donoghue
Private Secretary to the
Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources

Communications

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Shanny Jacinta

From: Haugh Anne
Sent: 27 January 2006 10:04
To: Shanny Jacinta
Subject: FW: Copy of Notice of Motion passed by Offaly County Council.

-----Original Message-----

From: Maria Maher [mailto:mmaher@offalycoco.ie]
Sent: 23 January 2006 15:47
To: enquiries@galwaycity.ie; secretar@limerickcoco.ie;
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cccounter@sdublincoco.ie; townclerk@killarneytc.ie; tclerk@athlonetc.ie;
townclerk@traleetc.ie
Subject: Copy of Notice of Motion passed by Offaly County Council.

> 20th January, 2005.

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> A Chara,

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> At the January Monthly Meeting of Offaly County Council the following motion was adopted and members requested that it be forwarded to all Local Authorities for support:

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> "> That Offaly County Council request the Minister for Finance and the Government to increase the maximum amount of Grant Aid under the Sports Capital Programme for the provision of Community Swimming Pools. The current maximum Grant Aid is fixed at > EUR> 3.8 million. This motion if adopted be circulated to all Local Authorities.> ">

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> Ray Carroll,

> Meetings Administrator.



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Date: 25th January 2006

Cathaoirleach Brigid Teefy
Limerick County Council
County Hall
Dooradoyle
Co. Limerick

Dear Cathaoirleach and Councillors,

Many thanks for your prompt recognition on bestowing such an honour to John Dillon at the end of his Presidency for his tireless efforts to improve the livelihoods of Irish farmers.

He has had a huge task over the past four years to steer the organisation through the radical changes in farming policies. As Limerick farmers it made us very proud to see him receiving such an honour in his own county.

We, the members of Limerick IFA deeply appreciate the presentation made to our Organisation on the 50th Anniversary. It will leave a lasting memory for those of us present in your Chambers. We hope you will enjoy reading our book 'Limerick NFA/IFA 50 years of Memories' which we presented to you all.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Roche

Michael Roche

County Chairman Limerick IFA

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**Celebrating
50 Years**

Shanny Jacinta

From: Haugh Anne
Sent: 27 January 2006 09:59
To: Shanny Jacinta
Subject: FW: Motion passed by Fingal County Council

-----Original Message-----

From: Corporate Services [mailto:corpservices@fingalcoco.ie]

Sent: 24 January 2006 15:43

To: Carlow County Council; Cavan County Council; Clare County Council; Cork City Council; Cork County Council; Donegal County Council; Dublin City Council; Dun Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council; Galway City Council; Galway County Council; Kerry County Council; Kildare County Council; Kilkenny County Council; Laois County Council; Leitrim County Council; Limerick City Council; Limerick County Council; Longford County Council; Louth County Council; Mayo County Council; Meath County Council

Subject: Motion passed by Fingal County Council

Please see attached.

Corporate Services Division.

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23rd January 2006.

TO EACH LOCAL AUTHORITY

At the Adjourned Annual Budget Meeting of Fingal County Council held on 12th December 2005 the following motion was passed and it was agreed that it be forwarded to each Local Authority:

"That the Council write to the Minister for the Environment in the following terms: The Council is very concerned that the contribution from Repak is a very small fraction of the costs this Council is incurring in arranging for the recycling of packaging waste and calls on the Minister for the Environment to properly implement the Principle of Producer Responsibility and require Repak to pay fully for the costs of recycling packaging waste being put on the market by its members and that the motion be circulated to all other waste authorities in the Republic."

Yours sincerely,

Michael Kelly,
Administrative Officer,
Corporate Services Division.

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Corporate Services
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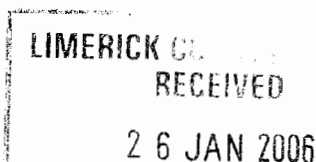
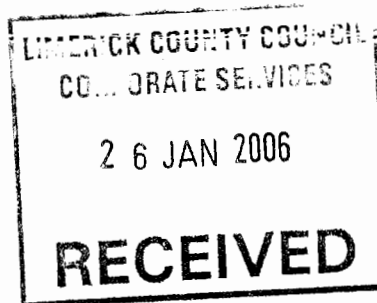
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25 January 2006

Mr Eugene Griffin
County Secretary
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Co. Limerick



Dear Mr Griffin,

Further to your letter of the 8th December, I would like to inform you that I have set up an interdepartmental committee to examine, and recommend appropriate action on foot of, the report of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on Communications, Marine and Natural Resources, entitled 'Non-ionising Radiation from Mobile Phone Handsets and Masts'.

Responsibility for ensuring that emissions from telecommunications antennae are maintained within guidelines is currently vested in the Commission for Communications Regulation (ComReg). The results of monitoring programmes are published on the ComReg website, www.comreg.ie.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noel Dempsey".

Noel Dempsey, T.D.
Minister for Communications, Marine and Natural Resources

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Broadcasting

Energy

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Natural Resources

Shanny Jacinta

From: Haugh Anne
Sent: 06 February 2006 11:39
To: Shanny Jacinta
Subject: FW: Notice of Motion

-----Original Message-----

From: Evelyn Harty [mailto:Evelyn.Harty@northtippcoco.ie]

Sent: 02 February 2006 15:33

To: Wicklow County Council; Carlow; Cavan County Cou ncil; Clare County Council; Cork City Concil; Cork Conty Council; Donegal County Council; Dublin City Council; Dunlaoghaire/Rathdown; Fingal County Council; Galway City Council; Galway County Council; Kerry County Council; Kildare County Council; Laois County Council; Leitrim County Council; Limerick City Council; Limerick County Council; Louth County Council; Mayo County Council; Meah County Council; Monaghan County Council; Offaly@govmail.eurokom.ie

Subject: Notice of Motion

1st February, 2006

To the Meetings Administrator

At the Adjourned January Meeting of North Tipperary County Council, the members passed the following Notice of Motion and they requested that I forward it to all County Councils for their support: -

"That this Council rejects the Hanley Report as it relates to Nenagh and all County Hospitals and demands the retention of full Acute Medical, Surgical and Accidents and Emergency Services in these Hospitals"

They also requested that I write to the Health Services Executive outlining their concerns.

I would be grateful if you would bring this motion to the attention of your members.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Joyce
Senior Executive Officer

Shanny Jacinta

From: Haugh Anne
Sent: 06 February 2006 11:39
To: Shanny Jacinta
Subject: FW: Capital Gains Tax Code

-----Original Message-----

From: Evelyn Harty [mailto:Evelyn.Harty@northtippcoco.ie]
Sent: 02 February 2006 15:54
To: Limerick County; Clare County; Limerick City
Subject: Capital Gains Tax Code

1st February, 2006

To/ The Meetings Administrators
Limerick City Council
Limerick County Council
Clare County Council

At the Adjourned January Meeting of North Tipperary the members resolved that I write to the Minister for Finance expressing their concerns with regard to changes that were made to the Capital Gains Tax Code in 2003 and requesting that relief from Capital Gains Tax in some form be reinstated for farmers who suffered land loss within the CPO process.

They have also requested that this issue be referred to all Local Authorities in the Mid West Region for their support.

I would be grateful if you would bring this issue to the attention of your members.

Yours sincerely

Rosemary Joyce
Senior Executive Officer

Office of the Minister

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3 February 2006

Our Ref: MOTCO6/8308

Ms. Anne Haugh
County Secretary
Limerick County Council
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Dooradoyle
Co. Limerick

Dear Ms. Haugh,

The Minister for Transport, Mr. Martin Cullen, T.D., has asked me to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 27 January 2006 regarding the resolution adopted at your recent monthly meeting.

As this is a matter under the remit of the National Roads Authority, I have forwarded your letter to the office of Mr. Fred Barry, Chief Executive, National Roads Authority for attention and direct reply to you as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely,

John Conroy
Private Secretary

Ms. Anne Haugh
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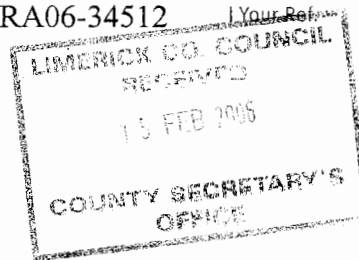
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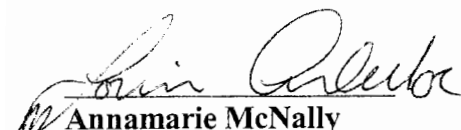
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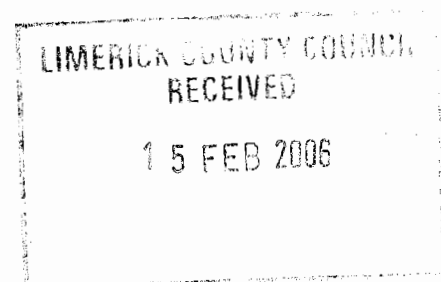
Thank you for your letter of 27th January 2006 regarding Limerick County Council's resolution that immediate steps be taken to have the towns of Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale bypassed, which was forwarded to the Authority from the Department of Transport.

The resolution adopted by Limerick County Council is noted. I wish to inform you that the Authority has provided funding to Limerick County Council this year to identify possible bypasses on the N21 in County Limerick and for further studies on feasible improvements along the route. Further discussions with Limerick County Council are likely to take place in 2006. The Authority will continue to consider funding for this section of the N21 in the context of the Government's 10 year transport plan 'Transport 21', which provides for the improvement of key national primary routes including the N21 from Limerick to Tralee.

I hope that the above information is of assistance to you.

Yours sincerely,


Annamarie McNally
Programme Administrator



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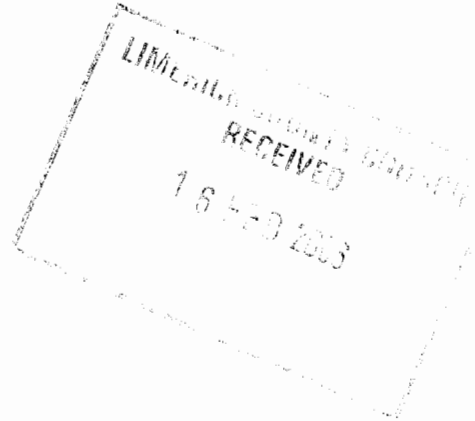
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GO-20069

14 February 2006

Ms. Anne Haugh
County Secretary
Limerick County Council
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Dear Ms. Haugh

I refer to your recent correspondence regarding the retention of rural post offices.

This Government, as clearly set out in the Programme for Government and the Board of An Post, are committed to the objective of securing a viable and sustainable nationwide post office network. Notwithstanding the commercial remit of An Post, there is a clear Government recognition of the social benefits of maintaining the nationwide post office network.

Accordingly, An Post development strategies for the network continue to take full account of these social benefits.

The An Post network comprises the single largest number of retail outlets in the country. In the European context, Ireland still has the highest number of post offices per head of population. In recent years some network restructuring has been undertaken. This activity is in line with similar trends across Europe. In addition to the post office network, An Post has established 2,864 Postpoint outlets in retail premises of which 600 can be used for bill payment.

It is the Government's objective to maintain the largest, economically sustainable post office network possible. The challenge for all stakeholders in An Post is to generate sufficient profitable business to maintain the network at its current size.

While the Government will support the network in any way it can and has demonstrated its commitment in a tangible fashion, with a €12.7m capital injection in 2003, the way forward is for An Post to enhance its existing services and, building on existing strengths, to develop new product offerings.

The network has a high footfall and to capitalise on these advantages, it is essential that existing and new services are developed to meet customer requirements. The network also has the capacity and potential to deliver more private business especially in financial services and opportunities are actively being pursued by An Post in this area.

Indeed, on foot of substantial investment in computerisation, a significant amount of extra business has already been obtained for the network in terms of banking and utility business. At present 95% of An Post's business is conducted through automated offices.

I have also asked the company to ensure that any strategy for the development of the company should ensure the long-term viability of the post office network. In this light, An Post is currently working on a new initiative which would see the development of An Post Financial Services (APFS). Its aim is to supply a wide range of retail financial services through the branch network. If successful, it could lead to a significant increase in post office business and contribute to the viability of the network.

Yours sincerely,



Noel Dempsey TD
Minister for Communications, Marine & Natural Resources

COMHAIRLE CHONTAE LUIMNIGH LIMERICK COUNTY COUNCIL

Halla an Chontae,
(County Hall),
Tuar an Daill,
(Dooradoyle),
Luimneach.
(Limerick).

20th February, 2006

Don Chathaoirleach agus do gach Ball don Chomhairle

G.A.A. Signage Pilot Programme

A Chomhairleoir, a chara,

The Council has recently reached an agreement with officials of the Munster Council of the G.A.A. and the Limerick County Board for a unique signage programme for all G.A.A. grounds in the County. The agreement, the first of its kind in the country, provides for:-

- A standard sign in terms of dimension and colouring, which complies with the National Traffic Signs Manual. Each sign will also carry the Limerick County G.A.A. Logo.
- The G.A.A. will be responsible for supplying the sign and for the bi-lingual wording of each sign.
- The location of all signs will be agreed in advance with the Council, who will then arrange to have them erected.

- The G.A.A. will be responsible for the subsequent maintenance and repair of the signs.

- The Council will work with the County Board in relation to this matter, rather than at individual club level.

Following consultation with the Cathaoirleach, it has been decided to mark this unique agreement with a formal signing at the February monthly meeting. Representatives of the Munster Council and the Limerick County Board will attend the signing and this will be followed with a reception in the Restaurant.

Is mise le meas,



James Feane
Director Planning & Development