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Council



Temporary Closure of Rathbeale Road, Swords, Co. Dublin

Report on Submissions received during

Public Consultation phase

26<sup>th</sup> July 2019

Ref No:	Issue Raised	Response
<b>FN-C229-1</b>	Safe Crossing Point from newer estates along Castleview Extension	Additional facilities have been provided and the lollipop facility moved to the new signalised crossing facility.
	Increased traffic volumes and additional measures in place for the diversion	Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a future requirement due to queuing. No further yellow box junction markings are deemed required and the traffic signal sequence at the Rathbeale Road Junction is being amended to accommodate the diversion. Use by pedestrians of signalised crossing facilities should provide sufficient opportunity for access and egress from estates along the route at school times.
	Temporary car park not adequate	55 spaces will be provided in the temporary car park. It would be anticipated that parents of children from infant classes would use the temporary car park. Parents of older children would be encouraged to use the available set down area within the school grounds to drop off/pick up children. Parents would also be encouraged to walk/cycle with children to school.
	Additional works on Rathbeale Road and Balcultry Road	The Rathbeale Road Upgrade project is a LIHAF strategic infrastructure project majority funded by the Dept of HPLG, the project scope extends between the Rathbeale Cottages and Murrough Road junction.
<b>FIN-C229-2</b>	Provision of yellow box markings at junctions along the diversion route	Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a future requirement due to queuing. No further yellow box junction markings are deemed required and the traffic signal sequence at the Rathbeale Road Junction is being amended to accommodate the diversion. Use by pedestrians of signalised crossing facilities should provide sufficient opportunity for access and egress from estates along the route at school times.
<b>FIN-C229-3</b>	Impact of closure on Daleview Estate	The proposed diversion will have no impact at this location.

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FIN-C229-4	Brides Glen access proximity to Glen Ellan Roundabout and additional traffic management measures.	<p>The existing safe stopping distance from the Glen Ellan roundabout to the Brides Glen access are as per design requirements. 2 additional pedestrian crossings are being provided along the Castleview Extension and ramps are being provided at the school and community centre.</p> <p>The traffic signal sequence at the Rathbeale Road/Glen Ellan junction is being amended to accommodate the diversion. Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a future requirement due to queuing.</p>
	Extra Lights	A signalised pedestrian crossing will be provided at the school. An additional pedestrian crossing was also provided at Bunbury Gate by the Operations Department in 2018.
FIN-C229-5	Provision of yellow box markings at junctions along the diversion route	<p>Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a future requirement due to queuing. No further yellow box junction markings are deemed required and the traffic signal sequence at the Rathbeale Road Junction is being amended to accommodate the diversion.</p> <p>Use by pedestrians of signalised crossing facilities should provide sufficient opportunity for access and egress from estates along the route at school times.</p>
FIN-C229-6	Request for yellow boxes	<p>Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a future requirement due to queuing. No further yellow box junction markings are deemed required and the traffic signal sequence at the Rathbeale Road Junction is being amended to accommodate the diversion.</p> <p>Use by pedestrians of signalised crossing facilities should provide sufficient opportunity for access and egress from estates along the route at school times.</p> <p>There are no plans to provide an upgrade of the Jugback Terrace junction. Any upgrade may encourage “rat-running” through this residential area.</p>
FIN-C229-7	Temporary Car Park not adequate	55 spaces will be provided in the temporary car park. It would be anticipated that parents of children from infant classes would use the temporary car park. Parents of older children would be encouraged to use the available set down area within the school grounds to drop off/pick up children. Parents would also be encouraged to walk/cycle with children to school.
	Choice of diversion route	A technical report was prepared as part of the planning process that examines the three routes available for the diversion route. This is attached below for information. It should be noted that the alternative routes are open to vehicular traffic during the temporary closure of the Rathbeale Road. The Glen Ellan road is the only suitable route for vehicular, cyclist, pedestrian and bus traffic.

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<b>FIN-C229-8</b>	Temporary Car park not adequate	55 spaces will be provided in the temporary car park. It would be anticipated that parents of children from infant classes would use the temporary car park. Parents of older children would be encouraged to use the available set down area within the school grounds to drop off/pick up children. Parents would also be encouraged to walk/cycle with children to school.
	Transport objectives, proper planning, Oldtown/Mooretown Local Area Plan	It is an objective of the Oldtown/Mooretown Local Area Plan to deliver the Rathbeale Road Upgrade Project within the lifetime of the plan. Planning consent was achieved for the project at a meeting of the Council in November 2017. A detailed technical report was prepared with respect to the temporary road closure and diversion routes (attached below) which formed part of the Chief Executive's Report presented to the Council. The appointed contractor has made the application for a temporary road closure to the Operations Department of the Council under the relevant legislation.
	Access from housing estates during the diversion period.	Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a future requirement due to queuing. No further yellow box junction markings are deemed required and the traffic signal sequence at the Rathbeale Road Junction is being amended to accommodate the diversion. Use by pedestrians of signalised crossing facilities should provide sufficient opportunity for access and egress from estates along the route at school times.
	Noise	No breach of the Environmental Noise regulations is expected as a result of this temporary diversion
	Emergency Vehicles	The road has been constructed in line with the planning consent and as such has capacity to accommodate emergency vehicles.
<b>FIN-C229-9</b>	Request for yellow box at Bunbury access	Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a future requirement due to queuing. No further yellow box junction markings are deemed required and the traffic signal sequence at the Rathbeale Road Junction is being amended to accommodate the diversion. Use by pedestrians of signalised crossing facilities should provide sufficient opportunity for access and egress from estates along the route at school times.

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<b>FIN-C229-10</b>	Concerns about decision to reroute traffic past two schools for 4+ months	A technical report was prepared as part of the planning process that examines the three routes available for the diversion route. This is attached below for information. It should be noted that the alternative routes are open to vehicular traffic during the temporary closure of the Rathbeale Road. The Glen Ellan road is the only suitable route for vehicular, cyclist, pedestrian and bus traffic.
	Why does Rathbeale Road need to be closed at all	The Rathbeale Road Upgrade project involves extensive underground utility works, some at significant depth. Due to the limited width of the construction corridor it would not be safe to carry out some of the underground works adjacent to live traffic.
	Concern about HGV traffic near schools	Construction traffic for the Rathbeale Road Upgrade project will access the site directly from the Rathbeale Road adjacent to the Rathbeale Cottages or Murrough Road junction. It is understood that construction vehicles bound for Gannon Homes sites predominantly access the Oldtown and Mooretown sites adjacent to the western distributor road junction and this will continue to be the case during the temporary road closure. Fingal County Council Operations Department will be monitoring the traffic situation during the road closure. A HGV diversion route will be proposed if considered necessary.
<b>FIN-C229-11</b>	Provision of Yellow Boxes at Sandford Wood/Glen Ellan	Yellow box junctions are being provided at the access to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a requirement due to queuing.

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<b>FIN-C229-12</b>	Cycle lanes without the capacity to deal with an increase in bicycle traffic	Gannon Homes as required to comply with the relevant planning consent completed works on the section of Glen Ellan Road still in their ownership in July 2018. The footpaths and cyclepaths have been completed in line with planning requirements and to taking in charge standard and has adequate capacity.
	Construction traffic outside road with two schools	Construction traffic for the Rathbeale Road Upgrade project will access the site directly from the Rathbeale Road adjacent to the Rathbeale Cottages or Murrough Road junction. It is understood that construction vehicles bound for Gannon Homes sites predominantly access the Oldtown and Mooretown sites adjacent to the western distributor road junction and this will continue to be the case during the temporary road closure. Fingal County Council Operations Department will be monitoring the traffic situation during the road closure. A HGV diversion route will be proposed if considered necessary.
	Parents waiting for an hour to collect siblings School buses that park in the drop off zone and must wait for passengers	The Fingal County Council project team have been working in cooperation with the School Campus in relation to the logistics around the temporary closure. The Council will raise any school campus related issues arising from the consultation process with the relevant personnel at the school campus. It is anticipated that the schools will manage the set down areas within schools to ensure they are operating optimally.
	Insufficient street parking spaces for parents to pick up children from outside the school.	55 spaces will be provided in the temporary car park. It would be anticipated that parents of children from infant classes would use the temporary car park. Parents of older children would be encouraged to use the available set down area within the school grounds to drop off/pick up children. Parents would also be encouraged to walk/cycle with children to school.
	Right turning movements from housing estates schools and community centre onto the Glen Ellan Road and Castleview Extension Road are dangerous	Traffic signal and pedestrian crossing are located at various points along this route. When pedestrian and red phases are called gaps in traffic will allow crossing opportunities for motorists to carry out turning movements. Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a requirement due to queuing.
	Crossing facilities in the area	Signalised pedestrian crossings are provided at the Glen Ellan Road Roundabout, Castleview Extension Road and a new signalised pedestrian facility is being provided near Applewood Community Centre. It is also proposed to upgrade the uncontrolled crossing point at the Thornleigh Access Road arm of the Glen Ellan Roundabout. Speed ramps have been provided in the vicinity of the school. These crossing facilities and ramps provide a safe route for vulnerable road users accessing local schools and no further traffic management measures are proposed.

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<b>FIN-C229-13</b>	A roundabout on the west side of the Castlevue Extension Road.	It is not possible to provide a temporary roundabout at the location indicated. The lands are not in the ownership of Fingal County Council.
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<b>FIN-C229-14</b>	Need to divert through Castlevue Extension during school drop-off	A technical report was prepared as part of the planning process that examines the three routes available for the diversion route. This is attached below for information. It should be noted that the alternative routes are open to vehicular traffic during the temporary closure of Rathbeale Road. The Glen Ellan road is the only suitable route for vehicular, cyclist, pedestrian and Bus traffic.
	Provision of Yellow Box markings at all junctions along the diversion route	Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a future requirement due to queuing. No further yellow box junction markings are deemed required and the traffic signal sequence at the Rathbeale Road Junction is being amended to accommodate the diversion. Use by pedestrians of signalised crossing facilities should provide sufficient opportunity for access and egress from estates along the route at school times.
	Concern for children crossing roads and the Glen Ellan Road roundabout	Signalised pedestrian crossings are provided at the Glen Ellan Road Roundabout, Castlevue Extension Road and a new signalised pedestrian facility is being provided near Applewood Community Centre. It is also proposed to upgrade the uncontrolled crossing point at the Thornleigh Access Road arm of the Glen Ellan Roundabout. Speed ramps have been provided in the vicinity of the school. These crossing facilities and ramps provide a safe route for vulnerable road users accessing local schools and no further traffic management measures are proposed.

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<b>FIN-C229-15</b>	Seeking Yellow Boxes at Estate entrances	Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a future requirement due to queuing. No further yellow box junction markings are deemed required and the traffic signal sequence at the Rathbeale Road Junction is being amended to accommodate the diversion.
	Pedestrians safely crossing the Castlevue Extension Road from the Castlevue / Millers Glen / Sandford Wood areas	Signalised pedestrian crossings are provided at the Glen Ellan Road Roundabout, Castlevue Extension Road and a new signalised pedestrian facility is being provided near Applewood Community Centre. These signalised pedestrian crossings provide a safe route for vulnerable road users accessing local schools. It is also proposed to upgrade the uncontrolled crossing point at the Glen Ellan Road roundabout.
	Seeking additional School Wardens	The existing school warden service is being relocated to the new pedestrian crossing facility on the approach to Applewood Community Centre. No further wardens are deemed necessary and the area will be monitored following the commencement of the diversion.
	Scheduling of works during summer months	While it is always the intention of the Council to align insofar as possible programme for delivery of strategic infrastructure construction to school closure times, it is not always possible due to project constraints. The proposed closure does utilise two weeks of the school summer holidays.
	Possibility of diverting school traffic exiting the school campus and temporary car park to turn left and install a temporary roundabout to either proceed to Ashbourne or rejoin the Glen Ellan road.	It is not possible to provide a temporary roundabout at the location indicated. The lands are not in the ownership of Fingal County Council.



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<b>FIN-C229-16</b>	Querying bus routes with road closure, and better service to Rolestown	Dublin Bus will use the diversion route. The Swords Express bus service will also be accommodated. There will be a temporary bus stop on the Glen Ellan road north of Ardcian junction. The NTA have advise that bus operator Go Ahead will be commencing a new route serving the Rathbeale Road late 2019 / early 2020. Additional bus stops will be in place on the Rathbeale Road following the upgrade.
	Diversion route past 2 primary schools approximately 800 children	A technical report was prepared as part of the planning process that examines the three routes available for the diversion route. This is attached below for information. It should be noted that the alternative routes are open to vehicular traffic during the temporary closure of Rathbeale Road. The Glen Ellan road is the only suitable route for vehicular, cyclist, pedestrian and Bus traffic.
	Timing of works	While it is always the intention of the Council to align insofar as possible programme for delivery of strategic infrastructure construction to school closure times, it is not always possible due to project constraints. The proposed closure does utilise two weeks of the school summer holidays.
	Yellow Boxes	Yellow box junction markings are being provided at the accesses to Sandford/Glen Ellan and Laurelton as there is deemed to be a future requirement due to queuing. No further yellow box junction markings are deemed required and the traffic signal sequence at the Rathbeale Road Junction is being amended to accommodate the diversion.
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