

# Limerick Pedestrian Network submission on Part VIII Residential Development at Ballycummin Road, Raheen

*The Limerick Pedestrian Network is a non-profit, non-governmental and politically unaffiliated organisation working to benefit the community; to be a local voice promoting walking as an integral part of the transport system, and as an enjoyable, healthy and sustainable activity in its own right.*

The Limerick Pedestrian Network welcomes this development and strongly supports the focus on increasing density in strategic areas, which is crucial for transforming Limerick into a vibrant and livable city. We also commend the limited provision of private vehicle parking, which will encourage residents to adopt more sustainable modes of transport such as walking and wheeling.

However, we have concerns regarding the design of the junction onto Ballycummin Road. Firstly, the turning radii at this junction appear inconsistent with the latest *Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS)* recommendations. The current design may allow vehicles to enter and exit at higher speeds, increasing risks for pedestrians. We recommend revisiting this aspect to reduce turning radii and incorporate appropriate vertical deflection to ensure pedestrian safety

From the submitted drawings, it appears to feature a dished crossing that prioritizes vehicle movement over pedestrians. Given the low traffic volumes expected at this junction, a continuous footpath would be a more appropriate solution, in line with Advice Note 6 for DMURS . This guidance highlights that private entrances, such as those to apartment blocks, are ideal locations for continuous footpaths. Should a continuous footpath not be feasible, the minimum provision should be a raised crossing to ensure pedestrian priority, safety, and comfort.

We also urge the consideration of a pedestrian access route from the development into Raheen Business Park. The site's proximity to the business park offers a significant opportunity to support sustainable commuting. Without direct access, residents face a circuitous walking route, which diminishes the practical connectivity between the two areas. This is part of a broader issue along Ballycummin Road, where filtered permeability measures have not been implemented, despite their clear benefits in locations such as the nearby mixed use development, An Dún. Creating a direct pedestrian connection would benefit not only residents of this development but also the wider community, facilitating easier access to employment opportunities and enhancing passive surveillance of the area.

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