

Submission Details

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Note

From Paul & Roisin Scully, We have traded and lived on Friar Street since 1999. After reading the Phase 2 Liberty Square Public Realm Scheme we have a lot of concerns for the future of Thurles as a town to do business in. We as Town Residents and Thurles Business people would appreciate direct engagement with the Authors of this Plan, we suspect they neither live or are in Business in Thurles. Our Concerns first of all would be the enlargement of footpaths on Friar Street/Croke Street - as in these areas it Already takes care & attention Not to hit off an oncoming Vehicle. When two delivery trucks come against each other, presently one lane off traffic has to Stop completely to allow oncoming trucks to proceed. These trucks I refer to as 40 Foot Trucks, I'm not actually sure of the official title, the largest delivery trucks put on the roads, but on Friar Street alone the amount on a daily basis of this sized trucks has increased considerably. The single lane outside Supermacs was put in place for a trial period - possibly for one week - this in no way could give an accurate picture of the Traffic that goes through Thurles at this area of the square. It should at least be trialled for a Month especially now that Schools have reopened & get a more accurate of Traffic in this area. In relation to Emergency Vehicles, these plans would not improve access and most definitely impeded Speed, have the Emergency, Fire Service, Ambulance & Police been consulted on these plans for their feedback ? The proposed Bus Stop on Rossa Street seems to be another inappropriate location. Traffic flow in that area is already under pressure especially at peak times. And looking at these plans for the businesses on this Street it looks like they loose their parking bays for loading and unloading deliveries ? The plan doesn't seem to offer these companies an alternative, or have I missed that? These Businesses employ alot of local people & contribute to a vibrate economy in our town. There are proposed build outs should be trialled also for a month and see if they are an advantage to the Town. We as business people inn Thurles would love to see Thurles as a destination for a Stop Off, brouse through independently owned & stay for the locally sourced foods that our coffee shops and restaurants use. We need less vacant shops/units in the Square and the Streets. We need accommodation over shops to be successfully refurbished and property owners to be encouraged to bring Properities back to life. We need more engagement with Local Authority and it is our responsibility as both Traders and Residents to get this organised. But we also need the help of our Local Authority to be available to meet with us. We don't like being negative and person to person (or in this case Group to Group engagement) needs to be encouraged rather that leaving both groups, Residents & business owners left feeling like this Proposed Scheme is being forced upon us and Thurles. Thurles is a Welcoming and Friendly Town and we need to stay that way. Improvement should be a positive thing & we are not opposed to change but it has to be the right Improvement in order for Thurles to prosper. Thank You for the oportunity to relay feedback Regards Roisin & Paul Scully, Thurles Photo Station, Friar Street, Thurles, Co Tipperary

In relation to application

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