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In relation to application

Application Number	PT8TT30
Applicant Name	Tipperary County Council
Development Address	Bouladuff & Clehile The Ragg, Thurles

Mr. Marcus O'Connor,
Director of Services,
Tipperary County Council,
Limerick Road,
Nenagh,
Co. Tipperary.
E45 A099
31st August 2023

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Re: 'Part 8 In respect of Proposed Improvement works and active travel measures, The Ragg, Thurles'

Dear Mr. O'Connor,

With regards to the above proposed development works we wish to submit the following observations, comments and concerns for your consideration.

In the first instance, we are a group of local residents representing, but not inclusive of, local businesses, tidy villages, Inch national school, Drom & Inch GAA club, Inch church and residents in the vicinity of the Ragg. We have formed a collective in order to discuss the proposed works in great detail and have arrived at a consensus of observations listed below. Following two public meetings in the last couple of weeks there is a strong appreciation for the proposed scheme which has the intention of reducing the traffic speed through the Ragg junction.

This has been a long standing concern of all the local stakeholders and we welcome proposals that will strive to reduce speed and ultimately make this area safer for all users, and indeed, give residents the peace of mind that they can walk safely from one area to another. For example, from the church to the graveyard, from the shop & community centre all the way through to the Ballycahill road, and also the safe drop & collection of our children to Inch national school who currently have record high numbers, which as a community we very much welcome.

We request that the following list of observations, comments & concerns are considered and welcome feedback on each point prior to any works commencing:

1. The plans suggest the relocation of the front wall at Inch national, this means the school will lose valuable playing area. Can this be reconsidered?
2. Less parking for pickup from school. As there is limited parking already in front of the school, we request that any proposal does not reduce the current parking area.

3. Confirmation what the Width of footpath outside the school will be?
4. Is there a plan to solve the flooding coming from the 498 going down past school and entering farmland on Templemore Road?
5. How long before controlled pedestrian crossings (3 No.) will be installed?
6. Footpath going around corner from Templemore Road to Callanan's on 498 going nowhere, can this footpath be relocated across the road serving the front of the pub to O'Rourke's premises at the junction of the Thurles/Ballycahill road?
7. Can confirmation be provided as to nature & type of wall that will replace the removal of the existing wall along Callanan's field (opposite the pub). We request that this wall is appropriately decorative to ensure that its aesthetically pleasing in keeping with the rest of the village. We suggest a natural stone wall and would strongly oppose a concrete post and wire mesh type fence.
8. No indication that you are approaching a school from Templemore Road, e.g., flashing warning lights, road markings etc. Can provisions be made sooner rather than later?
9. Can the speed limit zone be extended past Moloney's shop on Borrisoleigh road? This would be enable the overall traffic load from the Nenagh direction to slow down well in advance of reaching the Ragg junction. This would mean that the vicinity of the shop, community centre and route to the GAA pitch, the national school and Ragg junction would be much safer for all local stakeholders.
10. Will the street lighting in the surrounding area of the Ragg junction be upgraded throughout?
11. Flashing lights with speed on approach roads showing speed limit, can this be considered?
12. Concerns were raised about large lorries and machinery turning at junctions with high kerbing. Can the height of the proposed kerbs be confirmed?
13. Path to be installed from O' Rourke's premises to the area in front of the Ragg pub for safety and to link village. This is of high priority of this group. This would provide a vital, safe link for the whole village. There are currently twenty-one residents from O'Rourke's premises to the speed limit sign on the Ballycahill. For anyone attempting to walk from the Ballycahill junction with the intention of going to the school, graveyard, church, GAA pitch, community centre or shop is extremely dangerous and a serious risk in its current state as pedestrians have to navigate through fast moving traffic on a regular basis.
14. Speed ramps to help slow traffic. Can speed ramps be considered on all approaching roads to the Ragg junction, particularly in the vicinity of the school.
15. Concerns have been raised by a number of stakeholders regarding the turning circle for large vehicles, such as trucks, tractors & trailers and buses. In particular we request the entrance

into the field beside O'Rourke's premises, the area from the proposed traffic island in front of Mr. John Callanan's residence (can a truck, tractor & trailer enter & exit Mr. Callanan's yard without any obstruction?). Can a tractor & trailer and/or harvester enter/exit the field to north of the graveyard onto the Templemore Road.

16. Can confirmation be provided if the proposal will reduce the overall width of all approach roads, if so, what will be the actual road widths.
17. Can confirmation be provided that no works in front of the school be carried out without prior agreement.

In addition, we acknowledge our meeting with Mr. Jim Ryan (Tipperary County Council Engineer) and Mr. Micheal Lowry (Councilor) on Wednesday 23rd August 2023, at 12.30pm in the Ragg. All the points noted were discussed in detail with proposed solutions tabled and duly noted.

Yours Faithfully,

The Ragg Development Group

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