

Submission Details

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In relation to application

Application Number	PT8LD15
Applicant Name	Longford County Council
Development Address	N55 Ballymahon Main Street

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Re: N55 Ballymahon Main Street Improvement Works - Amendments to Athlone Road Junction.

To Whom it may concern,

I wish to submit concerns as outlined below to the proposed works at the athlone road/Main Street junction of the N55 Ballymahon on the following grounds

- The installation of traffic lights at the junction will create traffic back up both into the heart of the town and back along the N55, I believe this will lead to dangerous manoeuvres where cars try to avoid the delay by doing U-turns on the road seeking other routes using smaller roads at higher speeds to achieve better time to arrive at their final destination.
- Road rage is already a factor for many drivers as it is, these delays will fuel this further, witnessed regularly as I manage the Maxol forecourt on the Athlone Road.
- I believe lights at this junction could create traffic build up on the mullingar side, which would lead to danger to approaching traffic coming in from a bend and hill with short sight lines and stopping distance.
- I also believe the proposed round-about solution gave a better flow to traffic, if the filter lane on the bridge was maintained and the mullingar traffic allowed to flow un-obstructed.

Pedestrian safety and cycle traffic could be accommodated by means of a cantilever carriageway off the existing bridge structure, there by allowing the traffic paths to remain largely as is. Pedestrian crossings could also be off set back from the junction maybe 200-300 meters on all approaches.

If the plans proceed and severe congestion occurs it is highly likely people will opt to shop elsewhere and avoid the town, which will negatively affect all businesses.

I urge Longford County Council & TII to reconsider proceeding with the revised changes and revert back to the original proposal.

Kind Regards

Trevor Parker
Manager Maxol / Centra
Ballymahon