

Submission Details

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Note

To whom it may concern, My name is Michael FitzGibbon and I have been an Abbott Ireland employee for the last 23 years and I have been cycling from Glenconnor area of Clonmel to the Cashel road most work days for the last 15 years. I am delighted to see that the junction of the Cashel Road with Heywood road is being addressed as there have been a large number of "near misses" at this junction, as motorists coming from the Heywood tend not to stop at the junction when traffic on the Cashel road is lite. I myself average one near miss here each year and the same goes for other cyclists I know. The proposed changes to road layout do appear to resolve this issue and are greatly appreciated. The plan for the Cashel road itself does appear to be very thorough and more than adequate for cyclists, the problem as I see it however is getting onto the proposed cycling lanes from the roundabout at the N24 junction and from the Business park roundabout. Ard Gaoithe Business Park roundabout, no bicycle track on the roundabout itself • Cyclists travelling Northward, at the end of the lane will be forced to merge into traffic turning left into industrial estate. • Also cyclists coming from Abbott and Ard Gaoithe business park travelling southwards are forced to use the roundabout as car traffic would. As an experienced cyclists I have never had a problem doing this, but less experienced cyclists have professed fears when doing this, is there a possibility to have some form of bicycle lane marking on the outer diameter of the roundabout; or some other mechanism for getting cyclists from Abbott/Ard Gaoithe to the south bound cycle lane? Even from a confidence boosting perspective I believe this would be useful. Access from N24 roundabout looks a lot trickier, again as an experienced cyclist I have never had a problem, however for newer cyclists tackling this roundabout in rush hour can be confusing, especially taking a right hand turn. I fully appreciate the N24 is a major national route but surely something can be done to boost confidence of cyclists traversing it. In general with cycling lanes around Clonmel , getting onto the cycling lane is usually the most dangerous part, some more joined up thinking with regard to linking up the various cycling lanes scattered around the town is needed. On a more general note the steep hill on this section of the Cashel road dissuades many people from attempting to cycle it, therefore it is probably more important to get pedestrian access right. To encourage more pedestrian to access Boston Scientific/Abbott/Ard Gaoithe there should be a pedestrian crossing North of Long fields avenue to allow for easy and safe access to the opposite side of the road, otherwise pedestrians are forced to risk crossings a busy main road at rush hour. Road narrowing as envisaged in the proposal to reduce speeds is I think unlikely to reduce car speeds significantly, due to the steepness of the hill. Very significant traffic calming is required and I believe a Pedestrian crossing between Longfields and Boston Scientific would greatly assist. Also note more people are using Longfield avenue as a short cut from Crann Ard (on the Fethard road) as an pedestrian short cut, so anything that can be done to encourage this will reduce car traffic on the N24 between the Fethard and Cashel roads. Overall however I am of course in favour of the proposal Regards Michael FitzGibbon

In relation to application

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