

# Submission Details

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## Submitter

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## In relation to application

Application Number	PT8TT65
Applicant Name	Tipperary County Council
Development Address	Stable Lane Carrick on Suir

The District Administrator  
Carrick on Suir MD,  
District Office,  
New Street



Carrick Print  
85 Main Street, Carrick-on-Suir  
051-641289

Tuesday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Re: Observation - Part 8 Staple Lane Car Park Carrick on Suir Retention of parking on Main Street**

We refer to the development of a new car park between chapel street & new lane and staple lane north of main street Carrick on Suir. The proposed new car park is too far away from our business premises with limited and restricted access which we feel will not be used.

The parking offered in the regeneration plan on the main street is horizontal parking and angled parking on one side of the street would have facilitated double the car spaces now being provided. It seems that footpaths and trees are more important than the livelihood and viability of the town centre.

We feel there is a need to retain all car parking spaces on the main street of Carrick on Suir in order for to ensure the future viability of our business in addition to many more. Small businesses are on their knees at present with increased costs of electricity, rates and wages already having major adverse consequences. This will be the final nail in the coffin if parking is not retained. The parking has over the last couple of years been restricted which has resulted in the loss of customer and decreased turnover for our business. Furthermore we feel that this proposal to reduce car parking on the main street should be shelved until the Carrick on Suir road bypass is completed.

Our business is in operation for over 80 years with many of our loyal customers being elderly or suffer from medical conditions caused by the ageing process and is therefore necessary to retain their mode of transport as near as possible to our shop. They are unable to carry the weight of the meat purchases as they tend to buy on a weekly basis their full requirement and our meat products are of a heavy and bulky nature which cannot be carried over long distances. The majority of customers are also rural based and drive their own vehicles and therefore it is necessary for parking to be retained and implemented outside our shop premises.

The average weight of meat products purchased can be in excess of 8 kilograms which is in excess of 20 pound. We are not in a position to leave the shop for health & safety reasons however we do endeavour to assist customers who purchase meat in the immediate adjacent area of the shop when parked.

We will further state that our customers been the people of the town and surrounding townlands have all expressed concerns as to how they are going to purchase meat in the future from our shop premises if not allowed to park outside our shop premises or nearby. The nature of our business means that people travel specifically into our shop for meat products and do not call in on spec. We can confirm that there is full traceability on all our products from farm to fork.

The failure to retain parking outside our shop will ensure the closure of our business and the loss of jobs in the town and the removal of any further parking from the main street will lead to job losses, a reduction of foot fall and kill the centre of towns economic viability. We have a right under law to earn a living and unless parking is retained this right is being denied to us and our livelihood is being denied. We pay all our rates and are compliant tax payers with revenue.

We respectfully request that our concerns are not only noted but acted upon with the provision of at least 5 parking spaces outside our premises for customers use. We may regretfully have no alternative but to exhaust the planning process and legal system to ensure that our livelihoods are maintained and to ensure the delay of the proposed changes.

Can you please acknowledge receipt of this observation.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Maurice Whelan'.

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