

Extract of Minutes of the Celbridge-Leixlip Municipal District Held on Friday, 15 July 2022 at 10:30 a.m. In the Council Chamber, Áras Chill Dara.

Members Present: Councillor V Liston (Cathaoirleach), Councillors Í Cussen, B Caldwell, M Coleman, C Galvin and N Killeen.

Apologies: Councillor J Neville.

Officials Present: Ms E Wright (District Manager), Mr R Linnane (Municipal District Engineer), Mr A Dunney, Mr K Kavanagh (Senior Executive Officers), Mr G Maher (A/Senior Executive Officer), Mr D Hodgins, (Senior Engineer), Ms L Murphy (Executive Planner) Ms A O'Malley (Administrative Officer), Mr S Wallace (Senior Parks Superintendent), Mr M McLoughlin (Administrative Officer), Ms S Martin (Meetings Administrator), Mr S Higgins (Meetings Secretary) and other officials.

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Part 8 Proposed Cycle Scheme at Green Lane, Leixlip

The members considered the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 for Proposed Cycle Scheme at Green Lane, Leixlip – Planning Reference P82022.05.

Mr D Hodgins advised the members that the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 for Proposed Cycle Scheme at Green Lane, Leixlip – Planning Reference P82022.05 had included various submissions by community groups and the public. He said that the aim of the report was to give reassurance that the comments submitted by the elected members and the public had been taken on board. He noted that the proposed design was in accordance with the National Cycle Manual but stated that a new cycling manual was coming from the department.



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Mr Hodgins highlighted that he would encourage community involvement in the process, especially that of prospective users of the route. He said that people with a disability or mobility issues and cyclists from all age groups would be invited to test the new build before its completion.

Mr Hodgins added that this Cycle Scheme would be adding and not imposing cycle facilities along the Green Lane which would tie into existing cycling infrastructure. He also noted that the report as presented included the addressed submissions. He said that the new cycle tracks would be raised, and not on the road and that this would provide the optimum segregation. He confirmed there would be a shared use path between the footpath and cycle lanes outside schools and electric scooters would be in a position to use the cycle facility also.

Mr Hodgins said that the local schools were aware of the scheme and had been included in the conversation. He noted that there was flexibility included in the scheme and if changes were needed when built that it could be improved.

The members raised the following points:

- The members all gave their support for this scheme.
- Could the council confirm when the construction was planned for? Were there any delays expected?
- Could the council consult further with the community before construction?
- The segregation was welcomed. The raised step mentioned could cause some issues for pedestrians.
- A Table Top ramp would be welcomed by the cyclists making right turns across the road.
- It was important for road users to share the one space and safety was paramount.

The District Manager welcomed the NTA funding and advised that the council had 25 schemes on board. She noted that the council had limited resources but that they would try and consult with all groups during the process. She thanked the members for their support.



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Mr D Hodgins stated he was heartened to the hear the positivity towards this scheme and said that he was excited to bring this project forward. He noted that this new scheme would aid local residents to make smaller journeys more easily and in a more environmentally friendly way, especially with global concerns and fuel prices rising. He advised that a consultant had been procured for the detailed design stage and that the NTA would also be consulted. He said that construction was hoped to take place in 2023. He also noted that the NTA had given positive news that there had been no indication of delays with the funding.

Resolved on the proposal of Councillor Killeen, seconded by Councillor Caldwell and agreed by the members that the Chief Executive's report on the Part 8 for Proposed Cycle Scheme at Green Lane, Leixlip – Planning Reference P82022.05 be approved.