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FOI-GEN-67447/22

Re: Access to Information on the Environment (AIE) Regulations Request AIE-001-2022 Request Granted

Dear

I refer to your request under the European Communities (Access to Information on the Environment) Regulations 2007 to 2014 (S.I. No. 133 of 2007, S.I. No. 662 of 2011 and S.I. No. 615 of 2014) (hereafter referred to as the AIE Regulations) which was dated 7th February, 2022 and received on 8th February, 2022.

Your request sought:

Under the AIE Regulations, I am seeking the submission from An Garda Síochána to the Salthill Temporary Cycleway public consultation by Galway City Council.

Dates: from 14 Jan 2022 to present.

Department: The Salthill Temporary Cycleway public consultation responses were addressed to Transport, Climate Action & Environment, Recreation & Amenity and Water Services, Galway City Council, City Hall, College Road, Galway, care of Director of Service Patrick Greene, or via activetravel@galway.ie

Summary of Decision

The AIE Regulations are based on Directive 2003/4/EC. The Regulations provide for the right of access to environmental information held by or for public authorities and set out the basic terms and conditions of, and practical arrangements for, the exercise of this right of access. In line with Article 2(1) of the Directive, Article 3(1) of the AIE Regulations defines "environmental information" as "any information in written, visual, aural, electronic or any other material form on –

- (a) *The state of the elements of the environment, such as air and atmosphere, water, soil, land, landscape and natural sites... and the interaction among these elements,*
- (b) *Factors, such as substances, energy, noise, radiation or waste, including radioactive waste, emissions, discharges and other releases into the environment, affecting or likely to affect the elements of the environment,*
- (c) *Measures (including administrative measures), such as policies, legislation, plans, programmes, environmental agreements, and activities affecting or likely to affect the elements and factors referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) as well as measures or activities designed to protect those elements,*
- (d) *Reports on the implementation of environmental legislation,*
- (e) *Cost benefit and other economic analyses and assumptions used within the framework of the measures and activities referred to in paragraph (c), and*
- (f) *The state of human health and safety... conditions of human life, cultural sites and built structures... affected by the state of the elements of the environment... or through those elements, by any of the matters referred to in paragraph (b) and (c)".*

Upon receipt, your request was forwarded to the relevant sections of An Garda Síochána to provide relevant records. A number of records have been identified and I am attaching same herewith.

Right of Appeal

Under Article 11 of the AIE Regulations you have a right to seek an internal review of this decision. An internal review involves a complete reconsideration of the matter by a member of the staff of this Organisation, of the same or higher rank than the original decision-maker, who may affirm, vary or annul the original decision made. The decision of this review will be communicated to you within one month of receipt of your application for an internal review.

In the event that you wish to make such an appeal, you can do so by writing to, ***Freedom of Information Office, An Garda Síochána, Athlumney House, IDA Business Park, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath C15 DR90*** referring to this decision and quoting your AIE reference number. You must make this request within one month of the date of this notification, (the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances).

Should you have any questions or concerns regarding the above, please contact me by telephone at (046) 9036350.

Yours sincerely,



ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

PAUL BASSETT

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OFFICER

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FEBRUARY 2022

Bassett, Paul T

From: Gaillimh_DV
Sent: Wednesday 9 February 2022 11:17
To: Dingley, Kieran z.
Subject: FW: Public Consultation for the Temporary Salthill Cycleway
Attachments: Letter - Salthill Garda Station.pdf; Public Consultation for the Temporary Salthill Cycleway.doc; Minute to Unisinn Finn Senior Engineer Galway City Council.pdf

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From: Gaillimh_DV
Sent: Thursday 27 January 2022 14:47
To: 'uinsinn.finn@galwaycity.ie' <uinsinn.finn@galwaycity.ie>
Cc: Ryan, Brian M <brian.m.ryan@garda.ie>
Subject: FW: Public Consultation for the Temporary Salthill Cycleway

Mr Uinsinn Finn
Senior Engineer
Galway City Council

I am directed by Chief Superintendent, Galway to refer to the above, your correspondence to Inspector Brian Ryan (attached) together with the response of Inspector Ryan (copy attached).

Please further find attached the observations of Chief Superintendent Curley in this matter as part of Public Consultation Process.

Kind Regards

On behalf of Chief Superintendent, Galway.

Sinead Cunniffe Sergeant

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From: SalthillClifden.CE
Sent: Monday 24 January 2022 15:28
To: Ryan, Brian M <brian.m.ryan@garda.ie>; Jennings, Vincent J <vincent.j.jennings@garda.ie>
Subject: Public Consultation for the Temporary Salthill Cycleway

From: Active Travel <activetravel@galwaycity.ie>
Sent: Monday 24 January 2022 13:30
To: SalthillClifden.CE <SalthillClifden.CE@garda.ie>
Subject: (External) Public Consultation for the Temporary Salthill Cycleway

This message is from an EXTERNAL SENDER - be CAUTIOUS, particularly with links and attachments.

Dear Inspector Brian Ryan,

Galway City Council are inviting submissions as part of the Public Consultation process for the Temporary Salthill Cycleway. Please find attached letter outlining the public consultation process.
We are inviting submissions until 4:00pm Friday 28th January 2022. Information regarding submissions is detailed in the attached letter.

Mise le meas,

Active Travel Team

Tá fáilte roimh chomhfhreagras i nGaeilge nó i mBéarla.

Correspondence is welcome in Irish or in English.



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Inspector Brian Ryan,
Salthill Garda Station,
Dalysfort Rd,
Salthill,
Galway

21st January 2022

RE: Road Traffic Act 1994

**Proposed Temporary Cycle Lane/ Traffic Calming Measures on the R336 Seapoint Promenade,
R336 Salthill Road Upper and the R336 Knocknacarra Road.**

Dear Inspector,

Galway City Council wish to advise of a Section 38 Proposed Temporary Scheme at Salthill along the R336 Seapoint Promenade/ R336 Salthill Road Upper. The scheme proposes to implement a temporary cycle scheme between March and September of 2022.

A Public Notice in accordance with the **Road Traffic Act 1994 (Section 38)** as amended by the **Public Transport Regulations Act, 2009 (Section 46) Measures to enhance public bus services — traffic calming measures**, has been published in the Galway Advertiser and Connacht Tribune detailing that Galway City Council hereby gives notice of its intention to provide the following temporary cycle lane provisions on the R336 Seapoint Promenade, R336 Salthill Road Upper and R336 Knocknacarra Road.

The proposed development, which is the subject of this Section 38 notice, will be implemented for a period of six months commencing in March 2022 until September 2022 and will include the following:

- The provision of a temporary 2-way (Contraflow) cycle lane on the seaboard side, from the R336 Seapoint Promenade/ L-5138 Grattan Road Junction to the Blackrock Tower*
- The provision of a temporary 1-way (Outbound) cycle lane on the seaboard side, from the Blackrock Tower to the R336 Knocknacarra Road/ R336 Barna Road/ R337 Kingston Road Junction*, and
- Associated temporary traffic management to provide for the proposed temporary cycle lane provisions.

Drawings of the proposed upgrade are available for public inspection from 14th of January 2022 to the 28th of January 2022 (each day excluding weekends and public holidays from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.) at Galway City Council, College Road, Galway. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic the Council's offices are accessible by prior appointment only. Please contact Customer Services on 091 536 400 or customerservice@galwaycity.ie

Drawings are also available for inspection on the Galway City Council website:

www.galwaycity.ie

or

www.activetravelgalway.ie

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Observations and submissions in respect of the proposed upgrade should be made through an online form (see www.activetravelgalway.ie) or in writing and addressed to Mr. Patrick Greene, Director of Services, Transport, Climate Action & Environment, Recreation & Amenity and Water Services, Yeats College Annex, College Road, Galway or emailed to activetravel@galwaycity.ie before 4.00 p.m. on the 28th January 2022.

Galway City Council would appreciate any comments you may have in relation to the proposed scheme. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss the proposed scheme, or to arrange a meeting.

Email: Uinsinn.finn@galwaycity.ie

Phone: 091 536 400

Mise, le meas,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Uinsinn Finn", written over a horizontal line.

Uinsinn Finn,
Senior Engineer,
Galway City Council.

An Garda Síochána

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*Luaigh an uimhir thagartha seo a leanas:
Please quote the following ref. Number:*

Date: 27 January 2022

Mr Uinsinn Finn
Senior Engineer
Galway City Council

Re: Public Consultation for the Temporary Salthill Cycleway

Dear Uinsinn

I have examined the plans and drawings for the Proposed Temporary Cycle Lane/Traffic Calming Measures on the R336 Seapoint Promenade, R336 Salthill Road Upper and the R336 Knocknacarra Road and acknowledge that cycleways are to be welcomed in our cities and towns.

In respect of document titled 'Salthill Temporary Cycleway – Public Consultation FAQs', Caption 5 titled 'What's the difference between Option 1 (One-Way Vehicle Traffic from Barna Road to Seapoint/D'Arcy Roundabout) and Option 2 (Two-Way traffic on prom, One Way Barna Road to Pollarooma West)', I wish to make the following observations:

- Page 8 – Caption – 'Emergency Access'

Option 1 states 'Restricted access for emergency vehicles with one-way traffic flow.
Option 2 is silent on the matter.

The Seapoint Promenade and Salthill Road Upper is the principal vehicular route to the Salthill Promenade, Beaches, Blackrock diving tower and walkway enjoyed by thousands of local persons throughout the year and extending to large numbers of visitors to Galway city during holiday seasons to enjoy the Wild Atlantic Way. As a substantial body of open water, which attracts large number of visitors, it is my view that immediate emergency access without any restriction on a 24 hour basis must be a priority to service the area when required.

Mise, le meas



ÁRD CHEANNFORT

(T. O'CURLAÍ)

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Please quote the following ref. number:

Date: 24th January 2022

**Mr Uinsinn Finn,
Senior Engineer
Galway City Council**

Re Public Consultation for the Temporary Salthill Cycleway
Acting Superintendent Brian Ryan Salthill Garda Station

Dear Uinsinn,

I, along with a number of my colleagues have closely examined the proposed Temporary Salthill Cycleway plan that has been submitted by Galway City Council. An Garda Síochána are very supportive of initiatives that allow for the safe movement of all vehicles throughout Galway and welcome new ideas to make the city a more user friendly environment for all. It is felt that all such initiatives require environmental impact surveys and prior consultation with all stakeholders before being implemented. Cycling within Galway and the Salthill Area should be encouraged and supported with suitable infrastructure and road layout, providing a safe environment for such usage.

There are a number of observations that I feel are very relevant to the plan that will have serious implications on how An Garda Síochána in the Salthill Community Engagement Area operate. The plan is broken up into two options and each option will be commented upon.

Option 1

An Garda Síochána feel that this option cannot proceed, emergency access to Upper Salthill will be severely impeded by a one way system along the Salthill Promenade. Access and egress from the Garda Station on Dalysfort Road onto the Salthill Promenade travelling westward will be limit our ability to provide an emergency service.

Option 2

An Garda Síochána feel that this option cannot proceed, emergency access to Upper Salthill Road and onto the Barna Road will be severely restricted. Judging by the plans posted emergency access to the Barna Road and West Galway will only be available via Threadneedle Road. Threadneedle Road is a two way road with parking on both sides of the road. The junction at Kingston Road/Taylors Hill is governed by traffic lights. There are two schools located on this road. Given the volume of traffic that already use this road, couple with the anticipated additional traffic generated by the plan, it will cause a substantial backlog of traffic, seriously impeding the free movement of Garda vehicles. This will in turn have a negative impact on response times,

significantly impacting the service provided. In an emergency situation, where an emergency response is required, such a scenario would create an unacceptable risk to the public and Gardaí. Access to the Barna Road and Upper Knocknacarra is achieved via Upper Salthill Road, limiting access Garda vehicles along this national route is an unacceptable.

An Garda Síochána are happy to provide input into any development plans going forward and are always supportive of any such initiatives.

Forwarded for your attention, please.

_____ Acting Superintendent 26599C.

Brian Ryan