# Active Travel Scheme, LD/26/0013 - Colehill NS School Zone and traffic calming project

## Public Consultation Report
## In Accordance with
## Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 and
## "Guidelines on Traffic Works Procedures"
## Issued by the Department of Transport
## In October 2023

## Longford County Council

**October 2026**

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## To: John Brannigan, Director of Services for Corporate, Regeneration and Active Travel.

Following on from an earlier determination that Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 is the appropriate process for the assessment and implementation of the proposed works titled "Active Travel Scheme LD/26/0013 Colehill NS School Zone and Traffic Calming Project ", a non-statutory public consultation process was undertaken to determine local attitudes and responses to the proposed works. This report outlines this consultation process and the decisions and actions that arise from it.

As mentioned, an earlier determination process was carried out to determine if Section 38 Road Traffic Act 1994 was the appropriate process for the assessment and implementation of the proposed works. A copy of this determination report is attached.

Being satisfied that the requirements of the Section 38 Guidelines (issued by the Department of Transport in Oct 2023, see attached) have been fully complied with in relation to the above proposed development, I have prepared the following report in accordance with the requirements of Section 8 of the above Guidelines and formally submit same to you for a Traffic Works Order to be signed off.

This report concludes by requesting a "Traffic Works Order" to be formally signed off in the form of a Chief Executive's Order approving the proposed works outlined hereafter.

Brian Kelly

**Senior Executive Engineer,**

**Active Travel.**

# 1 INTRODUCTION

Longford County Council, through its Active Travel Section, proposes to undertake traffic calming works at Colehill National School, Longford. The purpose of the project is to improve road safety for pupils, school staff, parents, pedestrians, cyclists and all other road users in the vicinity of the school.

The proposed works comprise:

Construction of two speed ramps on the approaches to the school.
Installation of associated road markings and speed ramp warning signage.
Installation of pencil bollards where required.
Alterations to the existing roadway and all ancillary works necessary to facilitate the scheme.

These measures are intended to reduce vehicle speeds in the vicinity of the school and create a safer environment for pupils, pedestrians and cyclists.

# 2 IS SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT 1994 APPROPRIATE

## 2.1 Determining the Applicability of Section 38

The Guidelines on Traffic Works Procedures, issued by the Department of Transport in October 2023 requires that a separate determination exercise is undertaken to determine the works described herein, which are proposed to be carried out by Active Travel Section, are appropriate for assessment and implementation in accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

The proposed works involve the construction of two speed ramps on the approaches to the school together with associated road markings, signage and ancillary works. These measures are intended to reduce vehicle speeds, improve driver awareness of the school environment and enhance safety for pedestrians, cyclists, pupils, staff, parents and other road users.

The installation of speed ramps is a recognised traffic calming measure designed to moderate traffic speeds and create a safer road environment. Accordingly, the proposed development falls within the scope of traffic calming measures envisaged under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994.

## 2.2 Planning Considerations

The proposed Colehill NS School Zone and Traffic Calming Project comprises traffic calming measures within the public road and is therefore exempt from the Part 8 Planning Procedure in accordance with Article 80 of the Planning and Development Regulations 2001 (as amended).

## 3 NON-STATUTORY PUBLIC CONSULTATION, SUBMISSIONS, ETC.

Once it was decided that Section 38 was the appropriate process, Section 8 of the Guidelines Document provided for a Non-Statutory Public Consultation process to be undertaken to get local feedback from the residents of regarding the proposed works.

There were no public submissions received.

## 4 CONCLUSIONS

There were no Public Submissions received, it is considered that the proposed development would provide significant improvements for the general public and especially for children and for those with mobility challenges. It is therefore proposed that the development should proceed with minor alterations advised by the Active Travel Support Office Observations.

## 5 RECOMMENDATION

In accordance with Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act (1994) and the associated guidelines issued by the Department of Transport in Oct 2023, a decision to proceed with the proposed works is an Executive decision, to be recorded by way of a Chief Executive's Order (Traffic Works Order).

I therefore recommend that the proposals should proceed, with the minor alterations outlined in Section 4 above and that the decision to proceed be formally recorded as a Chief Executive's Order (Traffic Works Order) and should be published on the local authority's website.

Signed: Brian Kelly

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