

Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001:

Monkstown Village Traffic Management Improvement Scheme

This report is submitted in accordance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act, 2001.

In 2012, DLR prepared a scheme for Monkstown Village to improve road safety for all road users including mobility impaired and disabled (MID). It was also identified that the speed of vehicles through the village was inappropriate and that vulnerable road users were at risk.

In summary, the scheme included:

- Raised signalised and uncontrolled crossing points
- A raised area in the centre of the village
- Two way section in front of the church
- One way (and left only) in front of Goggins
- One way on Clifton Avenue (towards the sea)
- Build outs to slow vehicle turning movements
- Narrowing of the carriageway through the village
- Additional parking on Clifton Avenue

The scheme was placed on public consultation during August and September 2012 and a total of 78 submissions were received. A meeting was held with the residents and businesses of the area in January 2013. A report on the scheme and the public consultation was presented to the Dun Laoghaire Area Committee in March 2013 and the report was noted and the scheme proceeded to detailed design.

Monkstown Village is an architectural conservation area and has a significant number of attractive (and protected) structures. The traffic management scheme presented an opportunity to develop and enhance the public realm of the village while still achieving the road safety improvements. The Transportation Department in conjunction with the Architects Department proceeded to develop the scheme into a traffic management, road safety and public realm improvement scheme. This was presented to the Elected Members in April 2015.

A technical consultant was appointed in December 2015 to progress the detailed design. To facilitate the design topographical and underground utility surveys were carried out. Gathering this level of information provided an opportunity to review the area in front of the restaurants on Monkstown Crescent. The scheme was expanded and the following items were included:

- The pedestrian surfacing around the village will be granite paving (rather than concrete)
- Parking bays will be indented and surfaced with cobble sets (similar to those on Marine Road, Dun Laoghaire) and allows for an increased cross fall (reducing the level difference between the path and road)
- The grass area around the central planting area is being replaced with more hard standing area (paved in granite). This will allow for increased seating as well as opportunities for mini markets, Christmas tree etc.
- There will be raised flower beds and tree planting which will be more attractive than a grassed area
- The existing carriageway on Monkstown Crescent will be narrowed to 6m (allowing 3m traffic lanes in both directions). This allows for an additional 1.5m to be allocated to the path adjacent to the restaurants

- Raised flower beds are being provided to provide separation from the road and to provide planting in the area (which is currently all hard materials)
- The existing path adjacent to the restaurants is being widened significantly
- A crossing point is being added at Avoca which will incorporate seating and planting
- The existing overhead cables will be removed and the poles relocated
- Street furniture will be rationalised
- Decorative lighting will be added
- Loading bays will be reduced in size

Following a request by the Members a further period of public consultation commenced on 5th April 2016 and continued until Wednesday 27th April 2016. In total 79 no. submissions were received. A report was brought back to the Elected Members on the 8th June 2016 and it was noted that the following changes are being made to the scheme:

- A contra flow cycle track is being provided on Clifton Avenue instead of the additional parking
- A right turning pocket is being provided into Clifton Avenue from Monkstown Crescent

The Monkstown Village Traffic Management Improvement Scheme is included in the Capital Programme and has an allocation of €1.1m for design and construction.

A tender competition to appoint a contractor will be carried out in July 2016 with construction commencing in September 2016.

Members are notified in accordance with Section 138 of the Local Government Act 2001 of the intention to proceed with the proposed development.

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