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PART 8 Public Consultation - Response

Pedestrian and Cycle Route from Bury's Bridge, Kilcoolishal to Carrigtwohill via Glounthaune

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Transport and Mobility Forum, Cork (TMF) is a representative group of organisations who have a common interest in sustainable travel *. The TMF fully supports sustainable modes of travel measures and policies. Sustainable and Active Travel helps reduce congestion on roads, improve air quality, supports a low carbon economy, reduces noise pollution and improves public health.

In general, we support and welcome the proposed scheme of a segregated walk and cycle path along the L3004 road between Bury's Bridge and Carrigtwohill, which is an integral part of the interurban route IU-1 in the Cork Cycle Network Plan (CCNP). It will provide the basis for a safe cycling connection to employment hot-spots like Little Island from the east, and eventually a continuous connection to Cork City.

Observations / Suggestions

We feel very positive about the continuous path which provides a cycling infrastructure that is segregated from motor traffic. Further we welcome that the carriageway will be narrowed and more space be given to active travel modes (walking and cycling), and speeds of motor traffic will be reduced.

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The green verge which is proposed for the major part of the shared path will provide a safe buffer zone between motor and cycle / pedestrian traffic. We assume that development of the green verge will also enhance the public realm, particularly through the village of Glounthaune. Large scale planning of trees and shrubs will be very welcome.

Critical points:

Mixed facility for cycling and walking

The main point of critique is the proposed active travel infrastructure as a “mixed facility” for cycling and walking for the entire length of the path along the L3004 road. While this seems appropriate along a fair bit of the scheme, a formal segregation between cyclists and pedestrians shall be built where the path passes through built up areas, in particular through Glounthaune.

The higher amount of pedestrian footfall here will cause conflict between walking and cycling, and will result in a low quality of service for both groups.

Access to Little Island and Fota / Cobh

The plans have no provision for cyclists using the shared path to access the roads to Little Island or Cobh, as at the junctions, there is no facility to leave the shared path and cross / join the carriageway.

As at present the R623 is the only access to Little Island, a safe crossing from the path to reach the R623 at its junction with L3004 must be provided.

At the Cobh Cross roundabout, the shared path passes at a considerable distance from the roundabout’s carriageway, with no facility for cyclists to join the roundabout towards Fota and Cobh (R624). Safe points to join / leave the path from / to the carriageway must be provided here.

Should you require any clarifications, please email me at tmfcork@gmail.com.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Stephan Koch".

Stephan Koch (Chair)
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Note: *The comments within this submission are solely the view of the Transport and Mobility Forum (TMF) as a whole and not the opinion or view of any individual partner of the TMF.*

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