

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL



Road Traffic Act 1994

Report on Section 38

Proposed installation of 2No. New Bus Shelters and construction of a footpath at the following locations:

- **Bus Stop 11729, Calverstown, Co.Kildare (Northbound)**
- **Bus Stop 11734, Calverstown, Co.Kildare (Southbound)**

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Under Section 38 of the Road Traffic Act 1994 Local Authorities are obliged to carry out a public consultation process and consult with An Garda Síochána with regard to implementing and enforcing traffic calming measures.

These proposals which consist of the installation of 2No. New Bus Shelters and all associated works, was advertised in the Nationalist and the Leinster Leader, in the edition of 15th April 2025. It was also placed on public display on Level 4 counter, Áras Chill Dara and on the council website. It was open for submissions for a period of four weeks from Tuesday 15th April to Friday 16th May 2025 with a closing date of 5.00pm on 16th May 2025

This proposal followed a review of existing bus stop infrastructure and will be funded under Kildare County Councils Bus Stop Enhancement Programme to allow for the procurement of contractors and progression of this scheme.

One submission was received from the members of the public.

The proposed plans were forwarded to An Garda Síochána, Naas for comment. Confirmation was received from the Sergeant, An Garda Síochána, KildareDS, and they reported the following observations regarding the proposed bus shelter at this location:-

- *"Firstly, would be possible that a small 'lay by' could be constructed at each bus stop to allow any bus pulling in the stop to move in completely off the carriage way. This would allow for the safe passage of vehicles travelling behind any such bus. This is only a suggestion and I know it may or may not be feasible."*
- *"Secondly, if possible could I also suggest that a pedestrian crossing (Zebra Crossing) to be considered for the village, to provide a safer environment for pedestrians to cross over and back the roadway to the new bus stops."*

In response to the observations provided by An Garda Síochána, KildareDS, Kildare County Council Sustainable Transport Section issued the following comments:-

- Due to boundary constraints, elevation changes and existing infrastructure, it is not possible to provide lay-bys at these locations. The proposed works have been designed in compliance with NTA guidelines and a Stage 2 Road Safety Audit has been completed.
- Regarding a pedestrian crossing, there is a pedestrian crossing planned in close proximity to the proposed bus stops, as part of compliance with an adjacent residential project. KCC sustainable Transport Section along with the Municipal District section will also assess if an additional Pedestrian crossing will be beneficial and if it can be safely facilitated within the area.

Recommendation that the proposal goes forward for noting at the Athy Municipal District meeting on 16th June 2025.



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