

## Appendix A:



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Proposed Traffic Calming Measures  
Section 38: Road Traffic Act 1994

**SCOIL BHRÍDE, STRAFFAN**  
**SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL SCHEME**

Report on Submissions



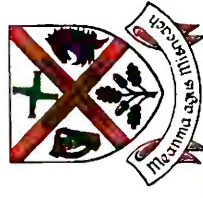
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| Ref No.    | From                                             | Submission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Response                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| KCC-C374-1 | <div>Submitted:<br/>03 May, 2025 - 12:27pm</div> | <p><b>Straffan school safe routes to school</b></p> <p>The proposed plans are great to read but unfortunately they do nothing for the children for housing estates North (Clane side) of the school. The housing estates of Straffan Manor, Bawnogues, Barton Grange, The Lumann and multiple one off houses have children walking to school every day. The 120 bus stop is also north of the school. There is NO safe place for those children to cross the road. In the case of Straffan Manor due to the woeful state of footpaths, those children are forced to cross the road twice...with no designated crossing. We have had multiple consultations with representatives of Kildare CC to highlight the dangers involved for all children walking to school north of Scoil Bhride. It is thus very disappointing to see no changes to that route. Currently the children are crossing on a raised speed bump...it has become the de-facto crossing...children treat it as a safe crossing but it is anything but. I have witnessed on multiple occasions children coming out from behind parked cars to cross and near misses with cars that treat it as a speed bump not a crossing...we have requested traffic lights north of the school. We have asked for widening of the footpath outside the school where children are forced to come off the path and walk around the parked cars ( perpendicular parking) as the path is too narrow especially if buggies and prams in use. This would be solved by removing one parking space outside the school. Looking forward to updated plans to include the safety of all children in Straffan.</p> | <p>Following submissions received during the public consultation period, Kildare County Council has now included a new crossing at the entrance to Barton Grange. Kildare County Council are actively exploring the possibility of providing a continuous footpath between Straffan Manor and Barton Grange. However this would be provided separately to the Safe Routes to School Scheme.</p> <p>The proposed plans include for footpath widening at the front of school. The plans also propose a reduction in the number of parking spaces to allow for increased width of footpath at the northern end of the school frontage.</p> |



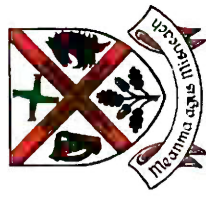
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| KCC-<br>C374-<br>2 | <p>James Lawless<br/>T.D. (on behalf of a constituent)</p> <p>Submitted:<br/>12 May, 2025 - 1:22pm</p>                                | <p><b>Scoil Bhríde Safe Routes to School Scheme, Straffan</b></p> <p>The project is to be welcomed</p> <p>I raised 3 issues regarding works adjacent Church Footpath from front of Church should run straight along street to join path at bus stop current proposal will impinge on access to Church</p> <p>The kerbing at main entrance to church should be removed ( it was a temporary fix in 2018!)</p> <p>This would allow for hearse enter grounds for funerals, &amp; eliminate a H&amp;S hazard</p> <p>The design must ensure a correct turning for the 120 bus service to edenerry</p> <p>And double yellow lines should be at the 4 corners of cross roads</p> <p>Thanks</p>                                                                                                            | <p>A redesign of the area alongside the Church was considered, however this would have resulted in a reduction of parking spaces.</p> <p>As a result of submissions received during the public consultation process in relation to the kerb outside the Church front entrance, Kildare County Council will explore options to enhance pedestrian safety at this location. A swept path analysis with suitably sized vehicles was carried out for all junctions within the scheme.</p> <p>The proposal to provide double yellow lines at the cross roads will be examined in conjunction with the Municipal District Office.</p> |
| KCC-<br>C374-<br>3 | <p><br/>Submitted:<br/>22 May, 2025 - 09:06am</p> | <p><b>Pedestrian Crossing and illegal parking - St Brigid's terrace</b></p> <p>I am a resident of St Brigid's Terrace in Straffan Village. I welcome the new plans to improve safe routes to school for the village. All steps that can be taken to improve the safety of children walking to school are most welcome. I also am a supporter of promoting walking as a sustainable form of transport throughout the village. It is clear that there is a growing use of cars within the village, with cars often being parked illegally. Any improvement on reducing this is welcomed.</p> <p>I do have two observations regarding the pedestrian crossing at the top of St Brigid's Terrace. If you are driving a car and exiting the terrace onto the main road, it is difficult to see onto</p> | <p>Your support of the scheme is welcomed.</p> <p>The proposed crossing at the entrance to St. Brigid's Terrace is designed to improve pedestrian safety when crossing the entrance. Vehicles will be required to</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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|            |                                      | <p>the main road either side until you are at the very top of the terrace. If a pedestrian crossing is placed here it means as a driver you will be unable to see if someone is about to use the crossing before you drive over the crossing itself. This may be a hazard, as pedestrians or children (having right of way) may not look for the car in advance of crossing, and similarly the driver will be unable to see the pedestrian due to the nature of the blind corners of the terrace. I think consideration is needed regarding this when choosing the exact location of the crossing.</p> <p>My second observation is one of greater concern. This relates to current illegal parking at the junction of the terrace and the main road. In current Irish law it is illegal to park a car within 5 meters of a junction, however this is a regular occurrence at the junction of the terrace and main road. This seriously impairs any drivers ability to see up the new road (towards the school) when trying to exit the terrace. If the intention is that this junction is used to improve pedestrian safety, illegal parking at school times will result in any cars exiting the terrace having to sit on the crossing in an attempt to see up the new road, removing the intended aim of the crossing itself. I would suggest that consideration is put towards installing bollards at the junction corners, and potentially some other parking control measures such as yellow lines to prevent illegally parked cars blocking the view of drivers at this junction.</p> | <p>complete a two-stop manoeuvre when exiting St. Brigid's Terrace.</p> <p>Installing bollards either side of the crossing at St. Brigid's Terrace could restrict visibility and turning movements, and therefore have not been included. However, the scheme will be monitored following construction to assess whether further interventions are required.</p> |
| KCC-C375-4 | <div></div><br>Submitted:<br>24 May, | <b>Straffan Safe Route to School</b><br>We welcome the proposal as outlined in project documents. We confine our observations to the area at crossroads & adjacent to StBrigids Church                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Your support for the scheme is welcomed.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |



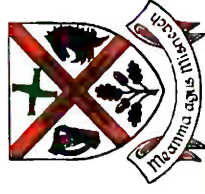
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| <p>2025 -<br/>11:14am</p> | <p>the installation of a pedestrian crossing at Church is to be welcomed &amp; badly needed. However your drawings indicate the broadening of footpaths at the junction, care should be taken to ensure the 120. Buses are capable of turning g at junction without having to reverse, the junction is currently very tight for buses without 4 wheel steering.</p> <p>our next observation relates to the removal of the temporary curb placed at the front gate of Saint Bridgets Church . This kerb is a hedge and safety hazard and in recent times a number of Warners at funerals have tripped and fallen on the roadside! This curb needs to be urgently removed, in addition this would facilitate the hearse at funeral at funerals parking within the cartilage of the church and prevent the hearse from blocking the proposed pedestrian crossing</p> <p>Our next observation suggests that double yellow lines be placed on all junctions approaching the crossroads cars parking at the crossroads junctions currently inhibit the 120 bus from making the turn at this junction</p> <p>The proposal to broaden the footpath adjacent to the boundary wall of Saint Bridgets Church will result in cars blocking the rear entrance to the church. Accordingly we suggest that the footpath from the front gate of the church run in a straight line along the edge of the roadway new road to join the footpath at the bus stop on your road and at this footpath be dressed in such a way that cars can enter the rear car park at the church</p> <p>our final observation relates to the success of this project will be determined by the quantum of car parking spaces provided in the local of the Straffan Road R at other suitable locations it is essential that cars not park on your road from the beaches to a suitable distance past the national school and</p> | <p>A swept path analysis with suitably sized vehicles was carried out for all junctions within the scheme.</p> <p>As a result of submissions received during the public consultation process in relation to the kerb outside the Church front entrance, Kildare County Council will explore options to enhance pedestrian safety at this location.</p> <p>The proposal to provide double yellow lines at the cross roads will be examined in conjunction with the Municipal District Office.</p> <p>A redesign of the area alongside the Church was considered, however this would have resulted in a reduction of parking spaces. However, Kildare County Council will liaise with the Church representatives directly in relation to the proposed works.</p> |
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|                    |                                                                                       | <p>the yellow lines double yellow lines from the church should proceed along new road to a pint past the national school. This is in the interest of health and safety for cyclists pedestrians and to allow traffic proceed on that road during school opening and closing times.</p> <p>our second observation relates to the temporary morning installed in 2018 at the entrance to church. This is now a health &amp; safety hazard &amp; must be removed, in recent times a number of mourners at funerals have tripped on kerb &amp; fallen on roadway. Its removal will also facilitate broadening footpath @ allow horse to pull into church grounds!</p> <p>Our next observation relates to the footpath from main street to new road adjoining the perimeter of Church. This footpath should be constructed from front gate of church &amp; continue in a straight line along new Road to join with footpath at bustop the existing footpath is on church property &amp; the proposal to broaden existing footpaths will result in cars blocking the rear entrance to church!</p> <p>Our next point would recommend that double yellow lines do. All roads leading to junction to prevent car parking at junction as currently constituted cars parking at junction prevent the 120 bus from turning &amp; TFI have threatened to stop bus travelling via village!</p> | <p>The proposal to provide double yellow lines along New Road and outside the school will be examined in conjunction with the Municipal District Office.</p> <p>This point has been commented on above.</p> <p>This point has been commented on above.</p> <p>This point has been commented on above.</p> |
| KCC-<br>C374-<br>5 |  | <p><b>Parking and drop off zone for parents</b></p> <p>Currently, there is very limited parking for parents when dropping children to school. Scoil Bhride serves a rural community, a lot of whom have no choice but to drive their</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |



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|                    | Submitted:<br>27 May,<br>2025 -<br>10:54am                                                                        | <p>children to and from school. As a result, parking for parents is a necessity.</p> <p>In the new proposed plans, the small number of parking spaces at the front of the school that parents can use will be designated as staff parking. This means that there will be zero parking spaces at the school for use by parents. This plan does not address how parents driving their children to and from school can ensure that they arrive safely at the school.</p> <p>Without any parking, parents are forced to pull in at the side of the road. This means that parents are getting their children out of the car onto the road and then having to cross the road at places not designated for crossing. In addition, this causes traffic congestion.</p> <p>The school has acquired additional land for the purposes of expansion. I would hope that this would include an expansion of their staff parking, therefore allowing for parents to continue to park at the front of the school.</p> <p>In addition, the planned drop off zone does not have any adult assistance to help younger children getting out of the car and safely into the school. Perhaps if this area had a designated safety person, more parents would make use of the drop off area rather than trying to park.</p> <p>Finally, it may be a consideration to make the road one way during school drop off and collection times. This would allow for safer flow of traffic and easier crossing for pedestrians going to the school.</p> | <p>Parking spaces at the front of school have been restricted to staff parking and disabled parking bays at the request of Scoil Bhride National School due to the limited spaces currently available to staff.</p> <p>It is not possible to provide additional parking in the area. A Park &amp; Stride proposal is being considered between the school and Straffan GAA.</p> <p>There is no drop-off zone included in the proposals as this can induce an increase in car usage.</p> <p>The proposal to provide a one-way system during school opening and closing times is outside the scope of this scheme.</p> |
| KCC-<br>C374-<br>6 | <div style="background-color: black; width: 20px; height: 15px; margin-bottom: 5px;"></div> Submitted:<br>28 May, | <p><b>Straffan National School Access</b></p> <p>Having viewed the consultation in detail, it seems to be missing the section about where parents, who have no other option but to travel to school by car, are supposed to park. Traffic around the School is at a dangerous level and no</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |



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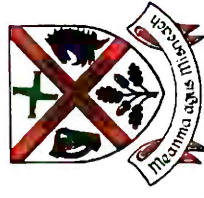
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| 2025 -<br>1:13pm | <p>amount of coloured tar or pencil bollards will change that.</p> <p>Straffan National School is located in a rural area and many of the 410 children who attend the school are coming from rural roads with no footpath access. I would query whether the people who came up with these changes have actually visited the school at drop off and pick up times.</p> <p><u>Current issues with access to the School:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>-there are only approximately 10 parking spaces outside the school and many are used by staff to park in - these are now all going to be allocated to school staff so where exactly are parents supposed to park?</li><li>-there is a small lay by to pull into and drop children off safely at the school pedestrian gate but the school bus service also uses this so there is limited access to it in the morning and no access to it at 3pm as both the creche bus and school bus use it and once they depart there are too many children existing the school for it to be safe for cars to pull in there.</li><li>- the 120 bus timetable does not suit school times at all and the 120 buses often come from both directions at the same time as school start and finishing times. This is one of the biggest issues as parent's cars are parked on the road meaning there can only be one lane of traffic heading towards the village so the 120 bus must drive on the wrong side of the road in the opposite direction of parents, who are mostly observing a one way system. If the bus meets a parent's car it will not or can be unable to pull in due to the parked cars on road.</li><li>- there is only one school bus servicing the school which services the Turnings and Ladycastle areas.</li><li>- there is a new housing development planned for opposite the school and construction traffic related to this will only make the situation worse.</li></ul> | <p>Parking spaces at the front of school have been restricted to staff parking and disabled parking bays at the request of Scoil Bhride National School due to the limited spaces currently available to staff. It is not possible to provide additional parking in the area. A Park &amp; Stride proposal is being considered between the school and Straffan GAA. There is no drop-off zone included in the proposals as this can induce an increase in car usage.</p> <p>A Park &amp; Stride proposal is being considered between the school and Straffan GAA. This would alleviate the number of cars parked on New Road.</p> <p>A reduction in the frequency of bus services to the area would not be considered favourable to promoting sustainable travel.</p> <p>Kildare County Council is not responsible for the school bus service.</p> <p>Noted.</p> |
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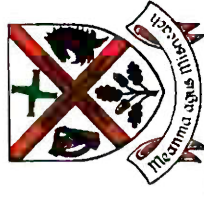
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|  |  | <p>- as part of the new housing development there will be a lay by to fit maximum 3 cars at a time for the school but it is on the opposite side of the road to the school so it will need to be accessible by those using the existing pedestrian crossing.</p> <p>- the footpaths are very narrow leading to the school with 2 maximum being able to fit side by side so if you meet someone else you need to step onto the road to go around them. As there is no cycle lane, nor is there space for one, children sometimes cycle on the path and people have to step onto the road to let them by.</p> <p>- the school have asked parents to observe a one way system but some do not adhere to this and other non school related traffic do not know about this as there is no signage on the road, for example I have seen an oil truck mount the footpath outside the school to allow the 120 bus to go by. Lorries collecting bins and other delivery drivers regularly come up the road just after 9am and have had to reverse into the school layby to let cars go by so parents had to let their children get out in the middle of the road as there was absolutely nowhere to pull in then.</p> <p><u>Solutions to these issues:</u></p> <p>- Another bus service is needed to bring children from roads that don't have a footpath eg Boreen Road, Baybush area, Ovidstown, Johninstown and Newtownmacabe area to mention just a few. Distance from the school should be irrelevant as if there is no path then they must still travel to school by car. An extra bus service would take a lot of cars away from the school.</p> <p>- Lollipop person/Traffic warden needed for directing traffic and helping children cross road, making sure people observe the one way system.</p> | <p>The layby proposed as part of the new housing development does not form part of this Safe Routes to School Scheme.</p> <p>Footpaths are being widened where possible. However, it is not possible to increase the width of all footpaths in the area due to 3<sup>rd</sup> party land ownership and the presence of mature trees.</p> <p>Provision of a one-way system during school opening and closing times is outside the scope of this scheme.</p> <p>Kildare County Council is not responsible for the school bus service.</p> <p>A signalised pedestrian crossing is currently in place adjacent to the school. This crossing will be upgraded as part of the works.</p> |
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|  | <p>- Parking spaces at front of school should be reserved for pregnant/elderly/those with very young children who can't walk from a distance as the staff have a car park and have a site at the back of the school they can use for further parking if needed.</p> <p>- the new development opposite the school should give more public parking spaces for the village, as it is a protected building they can't build in front of it so there is going to be unused space in front of the apartments there.</p> <p>- signs to be put up at both ends of the road to ask that non school related traffic travel around by the Barbarstown Road and to observe the one way system at school opening and closing times.</p> <p>- engagement with the 120 bus service so that either their times change or school time changes.</p> <p>- improved footpaths around the school and village so more people can walk safely with buggies.</p> <p>- use of other parking space eg at the GAA pitch to discourage people from driving to the school directly.</p> <p>- Footpaths to be installed on the Boreen Road and Lovers Lane which are already part of the village plan anyway.</p> <p>One proposed change I am in favour of is an additional pedestrian crossing from the Straffan Inn to the Church but there is limited parking at the Straffan Inn also and they regularly receive deliveries in large trucks at 9am also which can limit parking there. It does look as if part of the work here though will tighten available space buses have for turning off and onto the school road which will cause further issues, this needs to be looked at again.</p> <p>I urge the council to conduct a survey through the school to accurately measure how many students are travelling by car and where from and focussing on measures to reduce that</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |



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| KCC-<br>C374-7 | <p>Irish Cycling Campaign (formerly Cyclist.ie)</p> <p>Submitted:<br/>28 May, 2025 - 7:18pm</p>                                          | <p><b>Irish Cycling Campaign Comment on Scheme Proposals</b></p> <p>See very brief attached submission in favour of this proposed limited scheme, but seeking speed limit reduction, and monitoring of vehicle behaviour before and after.</p> <p>The Irish Cycling Campaign (formerly <a href="#">Cyclist.ie</a>, the Irish Cycling Advocacy Network (ICAN)) is the national cycling advocacy body with membership from cycling advocacy groups, greenway groups and bike riders on the island of Ireland. We are the Irish member of the <a href="#">European Cyclists' Federation</a>. Our vision is for an Ireland with a cycle and pedestrian friendly culture, where everyone has a real choice to cycle and move about safely, and is encouraged to experience the joy, convenience, health and environmental benefits of cycling and walking.</p> <p>The Irish Cycling Campaign notes these proposed minor improvements on Boreen Road in Stullon associated with Scoil Eithne and welcomes them, though limited. In particular the red surfacing should have a deterrent effect on vehicle speeds, on what can be a relatively busy route.</p> <p>We recommend that 'before and after' surveys be carried out prior to any development of this proposed scheme. These surveys should be used to determine what, if any, effects the limit of school zone and the proposed improvements have on vehicle behaviour in particular random and illegal parking and vehicle speeding.</p> <p>We also recommend the consideration of a reduced speed limit to 30mph along this section of roadway, in line with agreed speed limit legislation.</p> | <p>KCC are currently discussing the need for 'before and after' surveys with the NTA.</p> <p>The reduction in speed limit is subject to a county wide review of speed limits and is subject to a statutory process.</p>                                                                                                                                                                         |
| KCC-<br>C374-8 | <p></p> <p>Submitted:<br/>29 May, 2025 - 11:10am</p> | <p><b>Footpath for straffan</b></p> <p>To assist children in Bawnoges and Boreen Road walking to school a footpath installed would be very helpful and reduce traffic . The road is a safety issue.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | <p>Following submissions received during the public consultation period, Kildare County Council has now included a new crossing at the entrance to Barton Grange. Kildare County Council are actively exploring the possibility of providing a continuous footpath between Straffan Manor and Barton Grange. However this would be provided separately to the Safe Routes to School Scheme.</p> |



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| KCC-<br>C374-<br>9 | <br>Submitted:<br>29 May,<br>2025 -<br>11:34am | <p><b>Obstacles on footpath</b></p> <p>At the busiest point of the school footpath there is an electrical pole and a Welcome to Straffan sign. Both of these limit the space for parents and children to walk and also the sign is the perfect height for children to bump heads</p> <p><b>Widening of footpath</b></p> <p>The footpath needs to be widened as can be shown by the grass in the image attached. Children have had wing mirrors from passing cars bang off their heads due to the congestion of this area during school dismissal</p> <p><b>Parent drop and go</b></p> <p>The suggestion of turning the existing parking outside the school to staff parking is not what is needed. As a rural school, a huge amount of parents drive to the school. They all park along one side of the road leaving only one lane of the road clear for Cars and buses to get up and down the road. As I walk to school, I see first hand cars and Transport for Ireland buses travelling at speed up that one free lane to when they see a break in the traffic. I would ask that a member of KCC come out at 3pm dismissal time and observe. Two Transport for Ireland buses travel past the school at 3pm every day, one coming from Clane and the other coming from Dublin. There are also two school buses as well as parents trying to all navigate this ONE free lane of road (due to parents parking against the bushes that run the length of the road outside the school). Therefore I would advise that the area currently taken up by car parking spaces that you are proposing staff parking, be instead made into a long drop off lane so that parents can make use of the one way system of approaching the school from the Clane Road and driving down towards the school, pulling in and</p> | <p>The relocation of both the telegraph pole and the Welcome to Straffan sign has been included under the proposals.</p> <p>Footpaths are being widened where possible, and particularly the section between the front of school and signalised pedestrian crossing. However, it is not possible to increase the width of all footpaths in the area due to 3<sup>rd</sup> party land ownership and the presence of mature trees.</p> <p>Parking spaces at the front of school have been restricted to staff parking and disabled parking bays at the request of Scoil Bhride National School due to the limited spaces currently available to staff. It is not possible to provide additional parking in the area. A Park &amp; Stride proposal is being considered between the school and Straffan GAA. There is no drop-off zone included in the proposals as this can induce an increase in car usage.</p> <p>A reduction in the frequency of bus services to the area would not be considered favourable to promoting sustainable travel.</p> |
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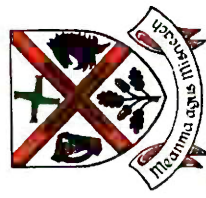
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|             |                                                                     | <p>dropping off their children and continuing the same direction down towards Straffan village and home again. At the moment there is no incentive for parents to follow this recommended one-way traffic flow as they know they will meeting cars and buses on their side of the road trying to come against them.</p> <p><b>Parent Parking</b></p> <p>If staff parking is needed and a Drop and Go lane cannot be accommodated outside the school. I have noticed that a tiny space has been allowed for in the recent planning permission granted for the land opposite the school (planning application no. 211417) I feel this would have been the perfect opportunity to allow for parking or drop and go lane for the school. Instead, I foresee parents and staff parking around the entrance to this estate, a further problem to add to the mix. These two plans should have been reviewed in conjunction with each other in order to come up with the best solution for not only the school community but the new residents of this development.</p> | <p>The proposed new housing development opposite the school was developed by a 3<sup>rd</sup> party and granted in advance of the Safe Routes to School Scheme.</p> |
| KCC-C374-10 | <p>Straffan Tidy Towns</p> <p>Submitted: 29 May, 2025 - 12:05pm</p> | <p><b>Straffan Tidy Towns Observations</b></p> <p>Straffan Tidy Towns welcomes the provision of a safe route to Straffan School. We hope by providing these measures that they will alleviate the traffic jam that is a daily occurrence, several times a day on the New Road which is the major concern for those using the road and those walking to school. Our observations are as follows:</p> <p>Section 38 Site Plan Sheet 01</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Why not put double yellow lines on the proposed school zone, this will alleviate the current traffic chaos.?</li> <li>• Provide a "drop and go area" on the green verge opposite the school and have it strictly maintained as a</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>The proposal to provide double yellow lines along New Road and outside the school will be examined in conjunction with the Municipal District Office.</p>        |



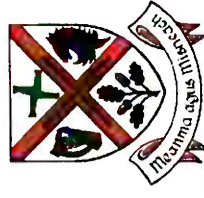
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|  |  | <p>drop and go not a "drop and wait area" this will again reduce the traffic issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Additional car parking places (6 spaces) have been provided at the rear of the school and these places should be utilised for dropping off the children , currently there is no access to the school from these spots.</li> <li>• If a footpath was on both sides of the road then perhaps a school warden could be employed?</li> </ul> <p>Section 38 Site Plan Sheet 02</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• At the crossroads if you widen the footpath on the Barberstown road corner junction it will have an impact on the buses turning at the junction, currently traffic has to stop away from the junction when driving down the Barberstown Road when a bus is turning up the road and then when a bus is turning from the Barberstown to the New Road traffic has to stop up from the crossroads junction to allow the bus turn. Widening the footpath will further add to this difficulty for the buses.</li> <li>• At the opposite side of the road at St Brigids Church a temporary flood alleviation kerb was placed at the front gate, this should be removed which would then allow cars enter the church grounds particularly at funerals and weddings. This kerb is a trip hazard and has caused numerous falls, is currently worn in places and needs to be removed.</li> <li>• At the rear entrance to St Brigids Church you propose widening the footpath, this should be re-looked at, the footpath should continue in a straight line from the crossroads up towards the hall, not in the 90 degree turning provision that is currently in place, include a</li> </ul> | <p>There is no drop-off zone included in the proposals as this can induce an increase in car usage.</p> <p>Provision of an access to the rear of the school is outside the scope of this project.</p> <p>A signalised pedestrian crossing exists in close proximity to the school. It would not be considered appropriate to assign a new school warden to this location.</p> <p>A swept path analysis with suitably sized vehicles was carried out for all junctions within the scheme.</p> <p>As a result of submissions received during the public consultation process in relation to the kerb outside the Church front entrance, Kildare County Council will explore options to enhance pedestrian safety at this location. A swept path analysis with suitably sized vehicles was carried out for all junctions within the scheme.</p> |
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|  |  | <p>drop kerb to access the church parking as currently cars park in this area and are over the kerb reducing the width of the footpath, it is not always possible for parents with buggies or wheelchairs to use this pathway and the 90 degree turn is not one that is always practical with a buggy or wheelchair. Perhaps the provision of a drop down kerb should be considered here?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Perhaps road markings could be provided to identify car parking spaces in this area that will not block the gate access to the Church? Cars also park on the road way along this footpath which again is a hazard and causes traffic and pedestrian issues. Should there be double yellow lines painted along existing the existing footpaths?</li> <li>Have the drawings for the Village Renewal Master Plan been looked at in conjunction with these drawings? On these plans it proposes to widen the footpath along Coarsemoor and this would help with the pedestrians going to and from school?</li> <li>Cyclists are not safe using the New Road during school opening and closing times which is another reason to place double yellow lines from the Beeches to the School and beyond. If double yellow lines are provided then residents in the Beeches, Coarsemoor, St Brigids Tce need to be considered so that these estates do not become the drop and wait areas for the parents of the school. There is a circular route via An Lumann (New Road) through to Hammerstone (Barberstown Road) which passes the new school drop off places, this should be promoted as the safe route to school.</li> </ul> | <p>A redesign of the area alongside the Church was considered, however this would have resulted in a reduction of parking spaces. However, Kildare County Council will liaise with the Church representatives directly in relation to the proposed works.</p> <p>A review of the line marking in this area will be carried out in conjunction with the Municipal District Office.</p> <p>The Straffan Village Renewal Master Plan was consulted during the design of the Safe Routes to Schools scheme. Footpaths are being widened where possible, however it is not possible to increase the width of all footpaths in the area due to 3<sup>rd</sup> party land ownership and the presence of mature trees.</p> <p>Consideration will be given to the follow-on effects from providing any double yellow lines within the school zone.</p> <p>The Safe Routes to School Scheme is aimed at increasing the safety for children and parents walking to school. The promotion of a vehicular circular route would potentially</p> |
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|  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• In the Village Renewal Master Plan there is a proposal for a footpath along the Ardross Road can this be provided as part of these plans?</li><li>• Can more marked parking be provided?</li><li>• TFI have already indicated that they would stop the bus service coming into the village due to the parking, traffic at school times so this needs to be addressed urgently in the measures that are provided as part of this scheme</li><li>• Will the same materials for the footpaths be used as is currently used in the village ?</li></ul> <p><a href="https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/PublicRealm/TownRenewalMasterPlans/StraffanVillageRenewalMasterplan2024/Straffan%20Village%20Renewal%20Masterplan.pdf">https://kildarecoco.ie/AllServices/PublicRealm/TownRenewalMasterPlans/StraffanVillageRenewalMasterplan2024/Straffan%20Village%20Renewal%20Masterplan.pdf</a></p> <p>Our observations are based on discussions from those living in the area and not just using the area at school times, we will always welcome a project that provides safer access to our school but the project needs to look at just more than accessing the school. Parking is an issue in Straffan at the best of times during Mass, events in the Community Hall and what can the Council do to provide parking spaces. We promote the use of public transport but where are cars meant to park if you want to use the bus to Dublin or other locations? Cars are currently using the estates and blocking entrances to houses, not allowing safe access for emergency vehicles in how they park and some have no consideration for residents.</p> | <p>induce more cars to the area and subsequently reduce pedestrian safety.</p> <p>A footpath along Ardross Road is outside the scope of this project.</p> <p>Parking spaces at the front of school have been restricted to staff parking and disabled parking bays at the request of Scoil Bhride National School due to the limited spaces currently available to staff. It is not possible to provide additional parking in the area.</p> <p>Any footpath buildouts are proposed to match the same material as adjacent footpaths where possible. It should be noted that matching brick paving installed years ago can prove difficult at times.</p> <p>The provision of additional car parking in Straffan Village is outside the scope of this project. A Park &amp; Stride proposal is being considered between the school and Straffan GAA to encourage a reduction in the number of vehicles outside the school during opening and closing times.</p> |
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| KCC-<br>C374-<br>11 | <p>Submitted:<br/>29 May,<br/>2025 -<br/>4:59pm</p> | <p>To whom it concerns</p> <p>I would like to recommend</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- upgrading of the existing signalled crossing where the footpath is widened on both sides of the road and the length of the widened area extended to take up the length of two car spaces either side to create visibility of the smaller pedestrians.</li><li>- the designation of the existing perpendicular parking spaces at the front of the school to a drop and go area for parents to use rather than staff parking.</li><li>- physical obstacles on both sides of the road where new pedestrian crossings are being installed to prevent cars parking beside the crossings and block visibility of smaller pedestrians.</li></ul> | <p>Footpaths are being widened where possible, however it is not possible to increase the width of all footpaths in the area due to 3<sup>rd</sup> party land ownership and the presence of mature trees.</p> <p>Parking spaces at the front of school have been restricted to staff parking and disabled parking bays at the request of Scoil Bhride National School due to the limited spaces currently available to staff. There is no drop-off zone included in the proposals as this can induce an increase in car usage.</p> <p>Pencil bollards will be installed within the school zone. Installing bollards either side of the new crossings could restrict visibility and turning movements, and therefore have not been included. However, the scheme will be monitored following construction to assess whether further interventions are required.</p> |
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