

**Minutes of Special Meeting of Galway City Council
held on Friday 8th July, 2022, at 3pm
in the Menlo Park Hotel, Galway and online via zoom platform.
Consideration of the Draft Development Plan 2023-2029 and the Chief
Executive's Report on the Draft Development Plan Consultation Process
Meeting No. 3**

Presiding:	Cllr. C. Higgins, Mayor of the City of Galway
Present:	Councillors: A. Cheevers; C. Connolly; J. Connolly; M.J. Crowe; O. Hanley; E. Hoare; P. Keane; Cllr. D. McDonnell; N. McNelis; N. Murphy & T. O'Flaherty
Present Virtually:	Councillors: I. Byrne; M. Cubbard; D. Lyons & M. O'Connor
Apologies:	Cllr. F. Fahy & Cllr. N. Larkin
In Attendance:	Ms. P. Philbin, Director of Services Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services Ms. C. Phelan, Senior Planner Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner Ms. K. Moloney, A/Executive Planner Ms. M. Kilgarriff, Assistant Staff Officer Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator Ms. S. King, Assistant Staff Officer
In Attendance Virtually:	Mr. B. McGrath, Chief Executive

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator commenced the meeting with a statement of intention to conduct the business of the Meeting in line with Standing Orders followed by a moment of silent reflection. A presentation was then made with regards to Member's statutory obligations concerning:

- Ethics Framework
 - o Ethical Framework for the Local Government Service
 - o Code of Conduct for Councillors advising chapters on Conflict of Personal and Public Interest and Planning
- Disclosure at Meetings
- Disclosure in Advance of Meetings
- Planning Legislation
- Code of Conduct and Regulation of Lobbying information

Councillors were advised that they are individually responsible for being compliant and that it is an offence if you fail to comply with some sections of the Ethical Framework.

Mayor Higgins welcomed all to the third meeting to consider the Draft Development Plan 2023-2029 and the Chief Executive's Report on the Draft Development Plan Consultation Process, in accordance with Section 12 (6) of the Planning & Development Act 2000 (as amended).

The Meetings Administrator advised Councillors that they will be requested to indicate if they are 'In Favour', 'Against' or wish to 'Abstain' when making a resolution by raising their hand. She advised that this will be done for each resolution taken at the meeting. This was noted by Council.

Councillors discussed the progress on the consideration of the City Development Plan.

Proposed by: Cllr. E. Hoare **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

That Standing Orders be suspended and that going forward that submissions be grouped together in relation to consideration of the Chief Executive's Response and Recommendation to same.

This was agreed and approved by Council.

Two additional meeting dates were suggested by the Chief Executive; Friday 15th July 3pm to 7pm and Wednesday 20th July 9.30am to 1pm should they be required.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceed to take a Roll Call Vote:

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

To have an additional meeting on Friday 15th July from 3pm to 7pm.

In favour: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare & Cllr. D. McDonnell

Against: Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. N. Murphy, Cllr. M. O'Connor & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

In Favour: 7 Against: 6 Abstain: 0 Present: 13

The Motion was approved by Council.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote on the second proposed additional meeting as follows:

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

To have an additional meeting on Wednesday 20th July from 9.30am to 1pm.

In favour: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. M. O'Connor & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

Against: Cllr. M. Cubbard & Cllr. N. Murphy

In Favour: 11 Against: 2 Abstain: 0 Present: 13

The Motion was approved by Council.

Councillors discussed the proceedings for the meeting. Cllr. C. Connolly proposed that the Council consider the remainder of Chapter 4: Sustainable Mobility and Transportation. This was seconded by Cllr. E. Hoare.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed an amendment that the Council consider the chapters as outlined in the agenda. Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote on the amendment motion as follows:

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

That the Council consider Chapter 5: Natural Heritage, Recreation and Amenity as outlined in the agenda.

In favour: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell & Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

Against: Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O’Connor

In Favour: 4 Against: 9 Abstain: 0 Present: 13

The amendment motion was defeated.

As the amendment was defeated, the original motion was then considered by Council. Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator requested Councillors to raise their hands if in favour of the original motion.

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

That Councillors continue to consider the remainder of Chapter 4: Sustainable Mobility & Transportation

The Motion was agreed and approved by Council.

Chapter 4: Sustainable Mobility & Transportation

Cllr. D. McDonnell proposed that the Chief Executive’s Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.4 - Sustainable Mobility - Walk and Cycle in the Chief Executive’s Report relating to GLWC-C2-173 Galway Cycling Campaign be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. A. Cheevers.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed an amendment motion that the text in the submission from GLWC-C2-173 Galway Cycling Campaign be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. O. Hanley.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote on the Amendment Motion as follows:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. O. Hanley

Include proposed text from submission ref: GLWC-C2-173 Galway Cycling Campaign

Add: “The Council specifically acknowledges Policy Objective 2.6 of the National Cycle Policy Framework that traffic-calming schemes based on road narrowing, such as the traffic islands on the Headford Road, are cyclist-unfriendly and require remedial works. For the purpose of prioritising such remedial works, the council will conduct and publish an audit of all traffic islands and other similar features creating such pinch points forcing cyclists and motorised traffic into close proximity.

The Council acknowledges that the use of narrow traffic lanes on main roads has the effect of creating hostile conditions for cycling and removing road capacity from cyclists. The council recognises narrowing schemes as hostile features that are identified as requiring audits in the National Cycle Policy Framework. The use of narrow traffic lanes is in direct conflict with the National Cycle Policy Framework Objective 2.9 stipulation that designs should have a principal aim of allowing cyclists to maintain momentum. Where feasible, the council will identify remedial works for places where narrow traffic lanes are found in the city.”

In favour: Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O’Connor

Against: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

In Favour: 4 **Against:** 11 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 15

The Amendment Motion was defeated.

As the Amendment Motion was defeated, Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a vote on the original Motion. Councillors were requested to indicate if they were ‘In Favour’, ‘Against’ or wished to ‘Abstain’ from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. A. Cheevers

That the Chief Executive’s Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.4 Sustainable Mobility – Walk and Cycle - relating to GLWC-C2-173 Galway Cycling Campaign be accepted.

In Favour: 14 **Against:** 1 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 15

The Motion was approved by Council.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed that the Chief Executive’s Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.4 - Sustainable Mobility - Walk and Cycle in the Chief Executive’s Report relating to GLWC-C2-127 Roselyn Carroll be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed that the text submitted in submission GLWC-C2-127 Roselyn Carroll regarding Cycle Route from Bodkin Junction along the Headford Road be accepted.

Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services advised that the Headford Road is a national route, he said that the proposal would be more suitable for consideration under the review of the Galway Transport Strategy (GTS).

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote on the amendment as follows:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

That additional text proposed in submission GLWC-C2-127 Roselyn Carroll in italics be added

Cycle Route from Bodkin Junction along the Headford Road

Galway City Council transport plan lacks a primary cycle route that accesses the city from Bodkin Junction along the Headford Road. There is space for the provision of a segregated cycle route in the redevelopment of the Headford Road Regeneration Plan (Section 10.7). ***Greater priority and value should be given to road space and land to the provision of a segregated cycle network that will safely deliver families, children to school, all mobilities etc. from Headford Road, Ballinfoile, Castlegar, Mervue, Renmore etc. into Wood quay and beyond.***

In favour: Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O’Connor

Against: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

In Favour: 4 **Against:** 11 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 15

The Amendment Motion was defeated.

As the Amendment Motion was defeated, Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a vote on the original Motion. Councillors were requested to indicate if they were 'In Favour', 'Against' or wished to 'Abstain' from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

That the Chief Executive's Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.4 Sustainable Mobility – Walk and Cycle relating to GLWC-C2-127 Roselyn Carroll - Cycle Route from Bodkin Junction along the Headford Road be accepted.

In Favour: 14 Against: 1 Abstain: 0 Present: 15

The Motion was approved by Council.

Chapter 4: Policy 4.5 Transport Demand Management Measures

Councillors were requested to indicate if they were 'In Favour', 'Against' or wished to 'Abstain' from voting on the motion from Cllr. D. Lyons by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

That the Chief Executive's Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.5 Transport Demand Management Measures relating to GLWC-C2-38 Transport Infrastructure Ireland be accepted.

In Favour: 14 Against: 1 Abstain: 0 Present: 15

The Motion was approved by Council.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed to accept the following text regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.5 Transport Demand Management Measures relating to GLWC-C2-212 Galway Commuter Coalition; GLWC-C2-228 Galway Environmental Network & GLWC-C2-27 Grainne Faller: "Include policies to reduce the provision of on-street parking. Include policies to reduce the existing provision of surface and multi-storey parking in the city. Exclude minimum car parking provisions for new developments / allow for a zero parking provision in exchange for enhanced public open space, cycle and pedestrian infrastructure, or contributions to public transport investment. As there was no seconder, the Motion fails.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed that the Chief Executive's Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.5 Transport Demand Management Measures relating to GLWC-C2-212 Galway Commuter Coalition; GLWC-C2-228 Galway Environmental Network & GLWC-C2-27 Grainne Faller be accepted. Councillors were requested to indicate if they were 'In Favour', 'Against' or wished to 'Abstain' from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

That the Chief Executive's Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.5 Transport Demand Management Measures relating to GLWC-C2-212 Galway Commuter Coalition; GLWC-C2-228 Galway Environmental Network & GLWC-C2-27 Grainne Faller be accepted.

In Favour: 14 Against: 1 Abstain: 0 Present: 15

The Motion was approved by Council.

Councillors discussed the Chief Executive’s Response regarding School Drop-off Facilities and the National Transport Authority submission. Cllr. D. Lyons proposed the following motion. Councillors were requested to indicate if they were ‘In Favour’, ‘Against’ or wished to ‘Abstain’ from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

That the Chief Executive’s Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.5 Transport Demand Management Measures relating to submissions below be accepted:

Parking- Requirements of Existing Users - Submissions: GLWC-C2-150 Angela Casey; GLWC-C2-184 Valerie Walsh; GLWC-C2-234 Anne & Pat O’Toole & GLWC-C2-232 Munster Avenue Residents Association

Traffic Congestion - Submissions: GLWC-C2-150 Angela Casey; GLWC-C2-184 Valerie Walsh; GLWC-C2-234 Anne & Pat O’Toole & GLWC-C2-232 Munster Avenue Residents Association

Parking Policy and Smart Technology - Submissions: GLWC-C2-144 Innovation Technology AtlanTec Gateway (ITAG); GLWC-C2-171 Roselyn Carroll;

Dyke Road - Submission: GLWC-C2-127 Roselyn Carrol

Reducing air, noise pollution - Submission: GLWC-C2-182 Reform, Central Policy and Communications Division - Dept. of Transport

Parking - Submission: GLWC-C2-141 National Transport Agency

School Drop-off Facilities- Submissions: GLWC-C2-141 National Transport Agency & GLWC-C2-144 Innovation Technology AtlanTec Gateway (ITAG)

Congestion problems- lack of School Buses & School Drop-Offs- Not addressed in Plan - Submission: GLWC-C2-144 Innovation Technology AtlanTec Gateway (ITAG).

In Favour: 14 **Against:** 1 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 15

The Motion was approved by Council.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed that the Chief Executive’s Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.5 - Transport Demand Management Measures - Goods Vehicle Management (HGVs) in the Chief Executive’s Report relating to GLWC-C2-176 Kevin Jennings and GLWC-C2-127 and Roselyn Carroll be accepted. This was seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed that the text submitted in submission GLWC-C2-127 Roselyn Carroll and the inclusion of the following text “Develop a map and introduce HGV bans together with the HGV management plan.” be accepted.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote on the amendment as follows:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O’Connor

GLWC-C2-176 Kevin Jennings and GLWC-C2-127 Roselyn Carroll

There should be no need for heavy goods vehicles (HGVs) inside the city administrative boundaries. Identify some park and ride sites off the trunk road network with Last Mile Delivery depots so that vans could replace heavy good vehicles and cargo bikes could replace van. ***Include policy under Policy 4.5 to ban HGVs on certain roads in the city. Develop a map and introduce HGV bans together with the HGV management plan.***

In favour: Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O’Connor

Against: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

In Favour: 3 **Against:** 12 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 15

The Motion was defeated.

As the Amendment Motion was defeated, Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a vote on the original Motion. Councillors were requested to indicate if they were ‘In Favour’, ‘Against’ or wished to ‘Abstain’ from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

That the Chief Executive’s Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.5 - Transport Demand Management Measures - Goods Vehicle Management (HGVs) in the Chief Executive’s Report relating to GLWC-C2-176 Kevin Jennings and GLWC-C2-127 and Roselyn Carroll be accepted.

In Favour: 14 **Against:** 1 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 15

The Motion was approved by Council.

Councillors discussed Chapter 4: Policy 4.6 Road and Street Network. Cllr. C. Connolly proposed the following: ‘to define, by way of map, a directory of road classifications and road function interactive map.’ There was no seconder for this motion, so the Motion fails.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed text in relation to Policy 4.6 Road and Street Network and Accessibility as follows ‘GCCN requests that the following be added under Policy 4.6 Road and Street Network and Accessibility. The Council will include Universal Design as a core component of Transport and Sustainable Mobility with clear actions illustrating how the principle of Universal Design will be applied in transport infrastructure as per Ireland’s obligations to the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and Barcelona declaration. The Council will carry out regular audits, in partnership with disability organisations, in the public realm and civic spaces, including an audit of the accessibility of current transport infrastructure to include both the city centre and suburbs based on the principles of universal design. The Council will review proposed active travel infrastructure designs to ensure routes are safe, direct, coherent, attractive and comfortable.’ This was seconded by Cllr. O. Hanley.

It was advised that there was no reference to this in the Traffic Design Manual. It was noted that a specific policy 8.10 to carry out an audit of accessibility was inserted by Council at pre-draft stage. Cllr. C. Connolly subsequently withdrew her proposal.

Cllr. D. McDonnell proposed the following motion. Councillors were requested to indicate if they were ‘In Favour’, ‘Against’ or wished to ‘Abstain’ from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

That the Chief Executive’s Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.6 Road and Street Network up to 4.7 Galway Port relating to submissions below be accepted:

Speed Limit - Submissions: GLWC-C2-27 Grainne Faller & GLWC-C2-127 Roselyn Carroll

OPW- Construction, Replacement or Alteration of Bridges and Culverts over Watercourses –

Submission: GLWC-C2-42 OPW

Policy 4.6 Road and Street Network and Accessibility - Submissions: GLWC-C2-148 Galway City Community Network; GLWC-C2-127 Roselyn Carroll
N6 GCCR- Against - Submission: GLWC-C2-212 Galway Commuter Coalition
Text Amendments to Road and Street Network - Submissions: GLWC-C2-153 People Before Profit Galway; GLWC-C2-180 Access for All
Road Infrastructure - Submission: GLWC-C2-118 Ibec
Transition Zones - Submission: GLWC-C2-127 Roselyn Carroll
N6GCCRR - Galway Co.Co. - Submission: GLWC-C2-69 Galway County Council

In Favour: 15 Against: 1 Abstain: 0 Present: 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed an amendment relating to GLWC-C2-173 Galway Cycling Campaign Junction redesign proposal Proposed amendment to policy item in 4.6 Road and Street Network and Accessibility, p. 111: From: “4. Implement improvements on the general road network, including new links and junction revisions where needed in the interest of safety and convenience.” To: “4. Implement improvements on the general road network, including new links and junction revisions where needed in the interest of safety and convenience, prioritising sustainable modes and according to the hierarchy of road users.” This was seconded by Cllr. O. Hanley.

Cllr. D McDonnell proposed the Chief Executive’s Recommendation. This was seconded Cllr. T. O’Flaherty. It was agreed to defer consideration of same until later in the meeting.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed the following Motion. Councillors were requested to indicate if they were ‘In Favour’, ‘Against’ or wished to ‘Abstain’ from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

That the Chief Executive’s Response regarding Chapter 4: Policy 4.7 Galway Port up to 4.8 Specific Objectives be accepted:

In Favour: 16 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

4.8 - Specific Objectives

Mayor C. Higgins referred Councillors to Policy 4.8 Specific Objectives.

Cllr. A. Cheevers requested that a Motion he submitted be considered.

Proposed by: Cllr. A. Cheevers **Seconded by:** Cllr. O. Hanley

4.8 - Specific Objectives - Merlin Park Hospital & Merlin Park Woods- Specific Objective Wording relating to GLWC-C2-190 An Taisce - Galway Planning Committee

That a Policy is implemented whereby vehicle access to Merlin Park University Hospital from Merlin Lane should be limited to Staff and Emergency services only. This will alleviate the rat run through Merlin Lane to the Dublin Road which has become a serious health and safety issue for pedestrians and residents who use Merlin Lane for recreational walking & cycling.

Following comments from the Executive, Cllr. A. Cheevers withdrew the Motion and advised that he will raise same for consideration at an Ordinary Council meeting.

Councillors agreed to take a short break at 16.08p.m. and the meeting resumed at 16.20p.m.

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

4.8 - Specific Objectives - Merlin Park Hospital & Merlin Park Woods- Specific Objective Wording relating to GLWC-C2-190 An Taisce - Galway Planning Committee

That specific objective 4.8.26 be reworded to: "facilitate a *new layout of the existing entrance of Merlin Park Hospital and retain this as the only entrance* to Merlin Park Hospital from the Dublin Road"

Cllr. J. Connolly proposed an amendment to accept the Chief Executive's Response. This was seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons.

It was agreed to defer consideration of this Motion until later in the meeting.

Cllr. J. Connolly proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Response relating to GLWC-C2-141 National Transport Agency submission regarding access points along the Western Distributor Road. This was seconded by Cllr. D. Lyons.

Cllr. C. Connolly proposed an amendment Motion to accept the NTA specific objective.

Councillors discussed same and Ms. C. Phelan and Ms. H. Coleman responded to queries raised.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a Roll Call Vote on the amendment as follows:

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O'Connor

4.8 - Specific Objectives relating to submission GLWC-C2-141 National Transport Agency

The NTA recommend in relation to access points along the Western Distributor Road that Section 4.8 Specific Objective No. 29 should be amended to clarify that any new access points will be pedestrian and cycle only in order to protect investment in public transport and to facilitate sustainable travel.

In favour: Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O'Connor

Against: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M. J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

In Favour: 4 Against: 12 Abstain: 0 Present: 16

The Amendment Motion was defeated.

As the Amendment Motion was defeated, Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a vote on the original Motion. Councillors were requested to indicate if they were 'In Favour', 'Against' or wished to 'Abstain' from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

That CE response to GLWC-C2-141 National Transport Agency ‘The NTA recommend in relation to access points along the Western Distributor Road that Section 4.8 Specific Objective No. 29 should be amended to clarify that any new access points will be pedestrian and cycle only in order to protect investment in public transport and to facilitate sustainable travel’ be accepted

In Favour: 14 **Against:** 2 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. C. Connolly to accept the NTA specific objective relating to submission GLWC-C2-141 National Transport Agency in relation to access at Boireann Bheag estates that Section 4.8 Specific Objective No. 32 should be amended to ensure that any new access points will be pedestrian and cycle only in order to protect investment in public transport and to facilitate sustainable travel. Cllr. M. O’Connor initially seconded same but following discussion she subsequently withdrew her seconding of the Motion.

Cllr. A. Cheevers proposed to accept the Chief Executive’s Recommendation relating to 4.8 - Specific Objectives relating to submission GLWC-C2-141 National Transport Agency in relation to access at Boireann Bheag. Councillors were requested to indicate if they were ‘In Favour’, ‘Against’ or wished to ‘Abstain’ from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. A. Cheevers **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

That the Chief Executive’s Response regarding Chapter 4: 4.8 - Specific Objectives - relating to submission GLWC-C2-141 National Transport Agency in relation to access at Boireann Bheag be accepted:

Policy is just to investigate provision as at present there is only one vehicular access point and to allow for better traffic management and new vehicular accesses is a necessary consideration and can accommodate pedestrian and cycle access also.

In Favour: 15 **Against:** 1 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed to accept the Chief Executive’s Response relating to 4.8 - Specific Objectives - Road and Street Network & Accessibility- New Objective relating to submission: GLWC-C2-173 Galway Cycling Campaign. This was seconded by Cllr. D. McDonnell.

Councillors discussed the submission and the Chief Executive’s Response relating to GLWC-C2-173 Galway Cycling Campaign. Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner and Mr. Colm O’Riordan, Senior Executive Engineer provided clarification regarding access.

Cllr. N. Murphy requested an amendment Motion he submitted to be considered.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceed to take a Roll Call Vote as follows:

Proposed by: Cllr. N. Murphy **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

4.8 - Specific Objectives - Road and Street Network & Accessibility- New Objective relating to submission: GLWC-C2-173 Galway Cycling Campaign

"Evaluations of permeability in areas around district centres, neighbourhood centres and schools shall be carried out in the context of the 15-minute city concept policy. Where obstacles are identified which impair direct and convenient access to services and amenities at these centres by walking or cycling, measures to improve permeability will be planned and prioritised."

In favour: Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. P. Keane, Cllr. N. McNelis, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O'Connor

Against: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

In Favour: 11 Against: 5 Abstain: 0 Present: 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

Following consideration of the submissions, Councillors considered the Chief Executive's Recommendations on Chapter 4: Sustainable Mobility and Transportation.

Councillors were requested to indicate if they were 'In Favour', 'Against' or wished to 'Abstain' from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. J. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

1 a. Reference in the draft plan to DMURS will be updated and acknowledge all supplemental advice notes.

b. Reference within the plan relating to Smarter Travel, A Sustainable Transport Future, 2009-2020 policy will be replaced with references to the National Sustainable Mobility Policy.

c. References to Department of Transport, Tourism and Sport will be replaced with the Department of Transport.

d. References to NTA's five year Walking and Cycling infrastructure Delivery Plan 2021-25 will be replaced with the reference to NTA's forthcoming Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Delivery Plan.

In Favour: 16 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

Cllr. D. McDonnell proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to amend General Policy 4.1.5 of the draft plan to delete ~~strikethrough~~ text and include text in italics:

Support the Galway Transport Strategy (GTS) and the outcomes of the planned evidenced based review to be carried out in conjunction with Galway County Council, ~~and~~ the NTA '**and other stakeholders**'. This review will consider all transport modes including the feasibility **of a very light** rail/light rail option and will not preclude the advancement of the Cross City Link route or to planning consent stage. This was seconded by Cllr. E. Hoare.

The following additional wording '*or the planning of other projects already commenced within the Galway Transportation Strategy*' was proposed by Cllr. J. Connolly, and, Cllr. D. McDonnell and Cllr. E. Hoare agreed to accept the additional wording.

Councillors were requested to indicate if they were 'In Favour', 'Against' or wished to 'Abstain' from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

Amend General Policy 4.1.5 of the draft plan to delete ~~striketrough~~ text and include text in italics:

Support the Galway Transport Strategy (GTS) and the outcomes of the planned evidenced based review to be carried out in collaboration with Galway County Council, ~~and~~ the NTA '***and other stakeholders***'. This review will consider all transport modes including the feasibility of a ***very light rail***/light rail option and will not preclude the advancement of the Cross City Link route ***or the planning of other projects already commenced within the Galway Transportation Strategy*** to planning consent stage.

In Favour: 16 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

Proposed by: Cllr. N. McNelis **Seconded by:** Cllr. M.J. Crowe

Amend Policy 4.2(6) Land Use and Transportation to insert text in italics:

"Aim to achieve the concept of a '15-minute city' where land use policies facilitate residents to access their daily needs within a 15-minute walk or bike ride and thereby reduce the dependence on private car transport'

In Favour: 16 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

Cllr. N. McNelis proposed to accept the Chief Executive's Recommendation to amend text under Galway Transport Strategy (GTS) heading in 6th paragraph to delete ~~striketrough~~ text and insert text in italics:

"A planned evidenced based review of the GTS is due to commence ~~be carried out~~ in 2022 ***and be completed in 2023*** in collaboration with Galway County Council ~~and~~, the National Transport Authority (NTA) ***and all other stakeholders. This process will include for public consultation,*** which will consider all transport modes including the feasibility of a ***very light rail***/light rail option and will not preclude the advancement of the Cross City Link route to planning consent stage." This was seconded by Cllr. M.J. Crowe.

Cllr. D. McDonnell proposed that the following additional wording '*or the planning of other projects already commenced within the Galway Transportation Strategy*' in italics be added and Cllr. N. McNelis and Cllr. M.J. Crowe agreed to accept the additional wording.

Proposed by: Cllr. N. McNelis

Seconded by: Cllr. M.J. Crowe

Amend text under Galway Transport Strategy (GTS) heading in 6th paragraph to delete ~~strikerough~~ text and insert text in italics

“A planned evidenced based review of the GTS is due to commence ~~be carried out~~ in 2022 ***and be completed in 2023*** in collaboration with Galway County Council ~~and~~, the National Transport Authority (NTA) ***and all other stakeholders. This process will include for public consultation,*** which will consider all transport modes including the feasibility of a ***very light rail***/light rail option and will not preclude the advancement of the Cross City Link route ***or the planning of other projects already commenced within the Galway Transportation Strategy*** to planning consent stage.”

In Favour: 16 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed to accept the Chief Executive’s Recommendation to amend text in Section 4.3 Public Transport under Rail heading in first paragraph to include text in italics:

The NDP includes for the Dublin–Galway rail lines to be subject to an examination to move to higher speeds leading to improved connectivity to regional cities through improved rail journey times. ***This is being further examined under the All-Ireland Strategic Rail Review.*** The potential for double tracking of the railway line from Galway City to Athlone with increased service stops between Athlone and Galway will improve commuter...

Cllr. O. Hanley proposed an the following additional text in italics ‘*as well as the potential of the Western Rail Corridor, and the Council will support rail infrastructure improvements arising from that review*’ be added to this proposal and Cllr. D. Lyons and Cllr. T. O’Flaherty agreed to accept the additional wording.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

Amend text in Section 4.3 Public Transport under Rail heading in first paragraph to include text in italics:

The NDP includes for the Dublin–Galway rail lines to be subject to an examination to move to higher speeds leading to improved connectivity to regional cities through improved rail journey times. ***This is being further examined under the All-Ireland Strategic Rail Review as well as the potential of the Western Rail Corridor, and the Council will support rail infrastructure improvements arising from that review.*** The potential for double tracking of the railway line from Galway City to Athlone with increased service stops between Athlone and Galway will improve commuter...

In Favour: 16 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. J. Connolly

Amend text in Section 4.3 Public Transport in second paragraph under Rail heading to include text in italics

“Such works to the line may also benefit the provision of a rail freight service from Galway Port and is a strategic project that would enhance accessibility and connectivity in the region. ***The recent Rail Freight 2040 Strategy includes for an ambitious vision positioning rail at the centre of Ireland’s freight transport system, recognising the sustainable benefits that rail provides as a contribution towards achieving Ireland’s climate objectives and wider strategic national outcomes.***”

In Favour: 16 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

Cllr. D. Lyons proposed to accept the Chief Executive’s Recommendation to amend Policy 4.6 (5) Road and Street Network and Accessibility to include text in italics. This was seconded by Cllr. I. Byrne.

‘Implement best practice in road and street design ***for all users*** as set out in in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2013) as updated (2019) and (2020).’

Cllr. N. Murphy proposed an amendment to the Chief Executive’s Recommendation text to replace ‘for all users’ with ‘according to the hierarchy of road users’ and Cllr. D. Lyons and Cllr. I. Byrne agreed to accept the amended wording, following comments from Mr. C. O’Riordan, Senior Executive Engineer.

Proposed by: Cllr. N. Murphy **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

Amend Policy 4.6 (5) Road and Street Network and Accessibility to include text in italics:
Implement best practice in road and street design ***according to the hierarchy of road users*** as set out in in the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (2013) as updated (2019) and (2020).

In Favour: 15 **Against:** 1 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 16

The Motion was approved by Council.

Proposed by: Cllr. N. McNelis **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

Amend Policy 4.6(4) Road and Street Network and Accessibility to include text in italics:
Implement improvements on the general road network, including new links and junction revisions where needed in the interest of safety and convenience ***for all users.***

Councillors discussed the Chief Executive’s Recommendation. Ms. S. Connolly, Senior Engineer advised that design standards must be applied to all roads. Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner, Mr. P. Greene, Director of Services and the Chief Executive made contributions advising the emphasis on traffic safety in relation to all users.

An amendment was proposed by Cllr. N. Murphy.

Proposed by: Cllr. N. Murphy **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

Amend Policy 4.6(4) Road and Street Network and Accessibility to include text in italics:

Implement improvements on the general road network, including new links and junction revisions where needed in the interest of safety and convenience *according to the hierarchy of road users'*

In favour: Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. M. Cubbard, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O'Connor

Against: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

In Favour: 7 Against: 8 Abstain: 0 Present: 15

The Amendment was defeated.

As the Amendment Motion was defeated, Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceeded to take a vote on the original Motion. Councillors were requested to indicate if they were 'In Favour', 'Against' or wished to 'Abstain' from voting on the motion by raising their hand.

Proposed by: Cllr. N. McNelis **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. Lyons

Amend Policy 4.6(4) Road and Street Network and Accessibility to include text in italics:

Implement improvements on the general road network, including new links and junction revisions where needed in the interest of safety and convenience *for all users.*

In Favour: 12 Against: 3 Abstain: 0 Present: 15

The Motion was approved by Council.

Proposed by: Cllr. N. McNelis **Seconded by:** Cllr. D. McDonnell

Amend text in first paragraph under Section 4.7 Galway Port to include text in italics

Galway Port is an important transport facility. It also acts as an important strategic regional hub for petroleum importation, storage and distribution and it serves the tourism industry as it is an important ferry port for passengers to the Aran Islands. An application for a significant 27-hectare expansion of the Port is currently at government level being accessed to determine if the compensatory measures would be sufficient to ensure the integrity of the Special Area of Conservation (SAC). If approved, this will give significant potential to diversify *port activities, with particular regard to both the renewable energy sector and offshore wind energy opportunities. The establishment of land based infrastructure to service offshore energy will enable Galway Port to play a much greater role in supporting this sector in the future, which will become increasingly important to the region as the role of fossil fuels become less significant over time.*

In Favour: 15 Against: 0 Abstain: 0 Present: 15

The Motion was approved by Council.

It was agreed by Council to group and consider 'Recommendation no. 10. Amend first paragraph in Section 4.5 Transport Demand Measures' with submissions from the Office of the Planning Regulator.

Councillors discussed proposed mapping amendments. Ms. H. Coleman, Senior Executive Planner and Mr. C. O’Riordan, Senior Executive Engineer gave clarification on bus routes.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. Lyons **Seconded by:** Cllr. C. Connolly

Mapping Amendment - Amend draft development plan map to remove the objective for the north-south University Hospital Galway (UHG) bus route and relocate route along Newcastle Road.

In Favour: 15 **Against:** 0 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 15

The Motion was approved by Council.

It was proposed by Cllr. D. McDonnell to accept the Chief Executive’s Recommendation no. 12 to amend map to include for marginal revision to alignment as per the existing development plan instead of as shown on the draft plan - Merlin Park University Hospital (MPUH). This was seconded by Cllr. E. Hoare.

Cllr. O. Hanley proposed an amendment to the Chief Executive’s Recommendation.

Councillors discussed the Chief Executive’s Recommendation and the proposed amendment.

Ms. S. Connolly, Senior Engineer responded to queries and clarifications raised.

Ms. A. Rohan, Meetings Administrator proceed to take a Roll Call Vote as follows:

Proposed by: Cllr. O. Hanley **Seconded by:** Cllr. N. Murphy

Amend map to remove proposed new access point to Merlin Park University Hospital (MPUH) on the Dublin Road opposite Murrough as shown on the draft plan and remove policy 4.8.26 on page 115.

In favour: Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O’Connor

Against: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

In Favour: 4 **Against:** 10 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 14

The Amendment was defeated.

Proposed by: Cllr. C. Connolly **Seconded by:** Cllr. M. O’Connor

Re: GLWC-C2-190 An Taisce - Galway Planning Committee

That specific objective 4.8.26 be reworded to: *“facilitate a new layout of the existing entrance of Merlin Park Hospital and retain this as the only entrance to Merlin Park Hospital from the Dublin Road”*

In favour: Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O’Connor

Against: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O’Flaherty

In Favour: 4 **Against:** 10 **Abstain:** 0 **Present:** 14

The Motion was defeated.

Proposed by: Cllr. D. McDonnell **Seconded by:** Cllr. E. Hoare

That the Chief Executive's Recommendation be accepted in relation to Amend map to include for marginal revision to alignment as per the existing development plan instead of as shown on the draft plan - Merlin Park University Hospital (MPUH)

In favour: Cllr. I. Byrne, Cllr. A. Cheevers, Cllr. J. Connolly, Cllr. M.J. Crowe, Cllr. C. Higgins, Cllr. E. Hoare, Cllr. D. Lyons, Cllr. D. McDonnell, Cllr. N. McNelis & Cllr. T. O'Flaherty

Against: Cllr. C. Connolly, Cllr. O. Hanley, Cllr. N. Murphy & Cllr. M. O'Connor

In Favour: 10 Against: 4 Abstain: 0 Present: 14

The Motion was approved by Council.

Mayor C. Higgins advised that the next meeting will take place on Wednesday 13th July 2022 at 10am in the Hardiman Hotel.

The meeting concluded at 19.00p.m.