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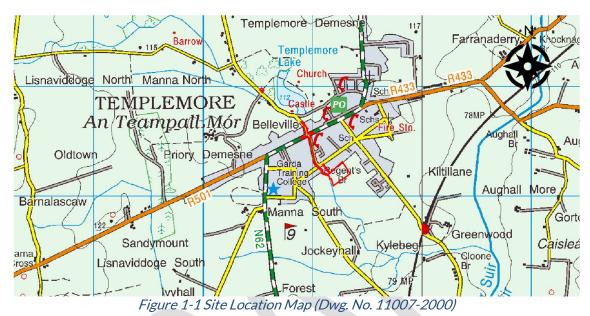
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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This report describes the Stage 1 Road Safety Audit carried out for the proposed infilling of the River Mall and associated road improvement works in the town of Templemore, County Tipperary. The site location is shown in Figure 1-1, with the scheme running north - south crossing the N62 national road.



1.1 EXISTING ENVIRONMENT

The proposed scheme is located along the River Mall in the town of Templemore, Co. Tipperary (refer to Site Layout Map in Figure 1-2).

The site commences approximately 210m north of the N62 at the pedestrian access to Templemore Demesne, intersects the N62 at O'Dwyer Bridge, continues south along "The Mall" for approximately 300m and crosses into agricultural farmland at Small's Bridge terminating at a headwall to the River Mall.

The scheme is located in an urban environment within a speed limit of 50km/h.

The N62, a national secondary road has a cross section comprising:

- Two-way single carriage of approximately 7.0m in width, which narrows at O'Dwyer Bridge to approximately 6.0m. On street parking is present on both sides of the carriageway east of O'Dwyer Bridge.
- Footways are present on both side of the carriageway in the vicinity of the staggered crossroad junction. The footway width is variable between 1.8m-2.0m and narrows crossing the bridge to a width of approximately 1.2m.
- Road marking, signage, gullies, and street lighting are present on the N62.

Blackcastle Road is a local road with a speed limit of 50km/h, located to the north of the N62 and has a cross section comprising:

• Two-way single carriage of variable width approximately 9.0m.



- A footway of approximately 1.4m in width is present on the western side of the carriageway only.
- Road marking, signage and street lighting are present on this section of the road.
- Drainage to the western side of the carriageway is by gullies and the eastern side is by over the edge drainage directly into the River Mall.
- The Blackcastle Road intersects the N62 as a staggered crossroad junction with The Mall Road to the south of the N62.

The Mall Road is a local road with a speed limit of 50km/h, located to the south of the N62 and has a cross section comprising:

- Two-way single carriage of variable width, approximately 8.0m, with on-street parking both sides of the carriageway.
- Footways of varying width are present on both sides of the carriageway. The western footway is in poor condition.
- Road marking, signage, gullies, and street lighting are present on this section of the road.
- A number of properties have direct access to the carriageway crossing the footway.

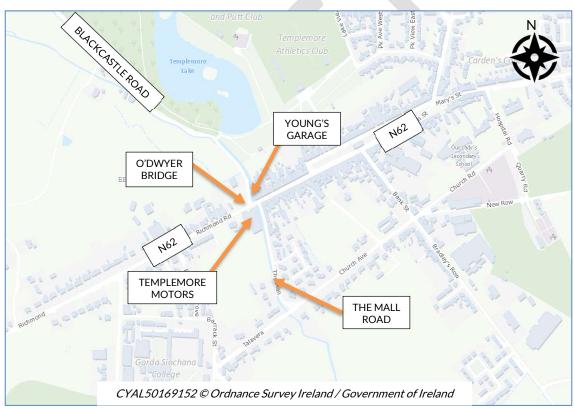


Figure 1-2 Site Layout Map

1.2 PROPOSED DEVEOPEMENT

Tipperary County Council propose to infill a section of the River Mall as part of diversion works. The resulting dry riverbed will create a new space with the proposed use as follows:

(i) Provision of a footpath and grass area over the infilled river from Templemore Town Park pedestrian entrance to a point 100m south in the direction of the N62, behind an existing stone wall / parapet.



- (ii) Provision of approximately 100m of new footway adjacent to the Blackcastle Road to the junction of the N62 (at Young's garage), with a footway width of 1.8m and a reduction in existing carriageway width.
- (iii) Removal of existing parapet wall to create an AC hardstanding area adjacent to Youngs garage.
- (iv) The demolition of approximately 50m of existing stone wall and bridge parapet north of the N62 to allow for the construction of a new proposed footway to match existing from O'Dwyer Bridge.
- (v) Provision of improvement works north of O'Dwyer bridge for approximately 40m to include increasing corner radius, installation of aggregate bollards and hard landscaping area
- (vi) Widening of the carriageway crossing O'Dwyer bridge along the N62.
- (vii) The demolition of approximately 15m of existing stone wall and bridge parapet south of the N62 to allow for improvement works to include a new footway, increased corner radius and increase sight lines between The Mall Road and the N62.
- (viii) Construction of approximately 70m AC pavement over the existing channel south of the N62 and maintenance of the existing stone wall / parapet.
- (ix) Proposed vehicular access to the infilled area approximately 50m south of the N62 on The Mall Road and modification to 2 no. existing access to dwellings on the western side of The Mall Road.

1.3 ROAD COLLISION DATA

1.3.1 Road Safety Authority Database

Road Collision Data available on the Road Safety Authority Database, within the period 2005 to 2016, along the section of proposed scheme identified 1 no. minor (single vehicle) collision recorded in 2013 as shown in Figure 1-3.



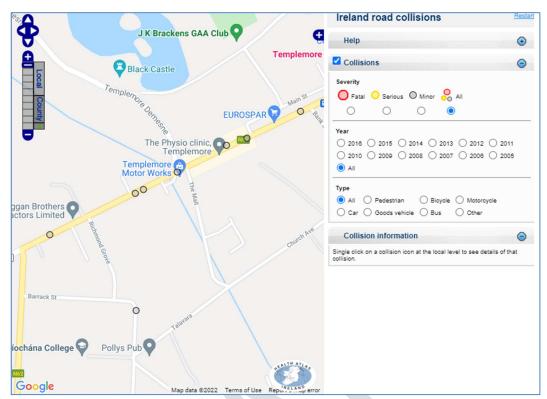


Figure 1-3 Road Collision Data 2005 - 2016 (Source: Road Safety Authority)

Note - the RSA database is not a comprehensive record of collisions and should be reviewed in conjunction with the Local Authority / Gardaí records for the site.

1.3.2 TII HD 15 and HD17 Site

HD15 and HD 17 Sites have been identified on the N62 in proximity to the scheme. Refer to full details in Appendix A.

The HD 15 assessment of the site (TII reference N62TY_076.0) has identified the site as a High Collision site, with a collision rate threshold twice above the average rate. The HD 15 and assessment for the scheme notes the following collisions in addition to those detailed on the Road Safety Authority website:

- o 31 collisions including
 - 4 No. Minor Injury collisions
 - 27 No. Material Damage only collisions

The assessment notes the mixed nature of collisions including 2 pedestrian collisions while noting an appearance of a higher incidence of collisions during hours of darkness on the eastern section of the site.

The HD17 assessment of the site identifies 2 main issues with the existing staggered junction including the following;

- Drivers exiting the side road junction without adequate knowledge of oncoming vehicles on the main N62 road, and
- Conflicts between pedestrians and motorised vehicles given lack of existing Vulnerable Road User (VRU) facilities.



1.4 AUDIT DETAILS

The audit took place at the Galway and Dublin offices of TOBIN Consulting Engineers in January 2022. The audit comprised an examination of the documents provided by the Design Team and listed in Appendix A. In addition, a day-time site visit took place on Friday the 21st of January 2022. During the site visit the weather was dry and overcast and the road surface was dry.

The audit team members were as follows:

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Audit Team Members

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This Stage 1 Audit has been carried out in accordance with the relevant sections of Transport Infrastructure Ireland Publication (Standards) "Road Safety Audit" GE-STY-01024 (December 2017). The team have examined and reported only on the road safety implications of the design submitted and has not examined or verified the compliance of the design to any other criteria. However, to clearly explain a problem or a recommendation, it may be necessary to refer to another Standard or Advice Note, but such reference will not conflict with the requirements of the above Terms of Reference.

The Design Team and Employer (Client) is reminded that the Road Safety Audit Feedback Form, in Appendix D, shall be completed and returned to the Road Safety Audit Team Leader for sign off.



2.0 ITEMS RESULTING FROM THIS ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

2.1 PROBLEM 1

Guiding of Existing Road Markings

At the northern end of the scheme along the Blackcastle Road, the existing edge of carriageway road markings do not guide vehicles in the same alignment as the road centreline. The edge of carriageway road marking follows the existing boundary wall line. This may lead to vehicles being guiding into pedestrians or the culvert wall especially at times of low visibility (i.e. fog).



Figure 2-1 Road Markings and Alignment along the Blackcastle Road at the Town Park Entrance



Figure 2-2 Road Markings at Town Park Entrance Boundary Wall

Recommendation

The Design Team should provide appropriate delineation measures / boundary treatment measures and warning of the hazard.

2.2 PROBLEM 3

Interface between Pedestrian Footway and Road Carriageway

The footway alignment shifts from behind the culvert wall to online into the existing carriageway (i.e. abrupt change in alignment). The development of the footway occurs instantaneously in line of oncoming traffic without any proposed protection. Wall height may pose an issue to the visibility of small children while the sudden inclusion of a kerb without prior



warning could present a significant safety hazard to drivers leading to both pedestrian and vehicular collisions.

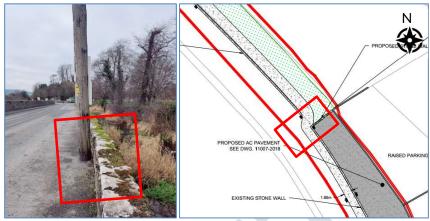


Figure 2-3 Drawing 11007-2014-D01 extract showing interface between road and proposed footway

Recommendation

The Design Team should create a safe means of access to pedestrians to move from behind the wall to the front of the wall, with adequate warning and safety provisions for both motorised and non-motorised users.

2.3 PROBLEM 4

Proposed Footway Widths

The audit team note that the proposed width is in line with the absolute minimum standard footway widths, potentially creating a passing hazard for pedestrians forcing them onto the existing carriageway creating a conflict point between vehicles and pedestrians, in particular for wheelchair users and those pushing buggies / prams.

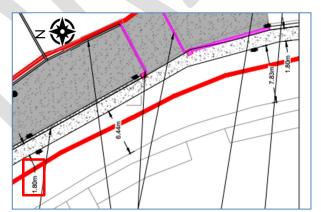


Figure 2-4 Extract of Proposed Footway widths from preliminary design drawings

Recommendation

The Design Team should ensure the footway width is adequate for passing pedestrian movements demands.



2.4 PROBLEM 5

On street Parking

Along Blackcastle Road, parking is currently permitted commencing a distance of approximately 30m north of the junction with the N62 towards the park pedestrian entrance. The auditors note that if the existing parking provision is maintained upon construction of the new footway, it will result in vehicles parked within the carriageway reducing the road width. Resulting in obstructions to two-way passing vehicular movements with unsuitable visibility to allow yielding. This may result in head on collisions and driver frustration resulting in unsafe road behaviour.



Figure 2-5 Currently Parking allowances along the Blackcastle Road just North of the N62 junction

Recommendation

The Design Team should provide appropriate parking signage in coordination with the proposed design.

2.5 PROBLEM 6

On street Parking - Streetscape Parking

A streetscape area is proposed at the junction of the N62 with the Blackcastle Road within the infilled lands. The Audit Team are concerned the wide streetscape area may give rise to vehicles parking on it. This may result in potential conflicts with pedestrian and vehicles and also give rise to junction visibility issues leading to potential collisions at the junction.



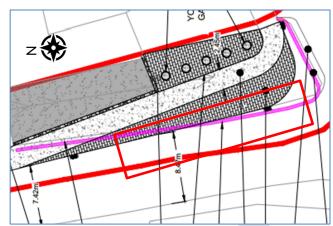


Figure 2-6 Proposed Streetscape Design at the Junction of the N62 and Blackcastle Road

Recommendation

The Design Team should provide appropriate measures to prevent vehicles parking on the paved area within the proposed design.



2.6 PROBLEM 7

Pedestrian Desire Lines

At the streetscape area at the junction of Blackcastle Road and the N62, the roadway at O'Dwyer's Bridge is proposed to be widened and the footway set back behind the existing parapet line. The Audit Team are concerned this will affect the pedestrian desire lines crossing Blackcastle Road. In particular, the existing infrastructure (i.e. drop kerbs) on the left hand side of the junction will guide visually impaired VRUs into the road carriageway, potentially leading pedestrians stranded in the carriageway and collisions between motorised and pedestrians.

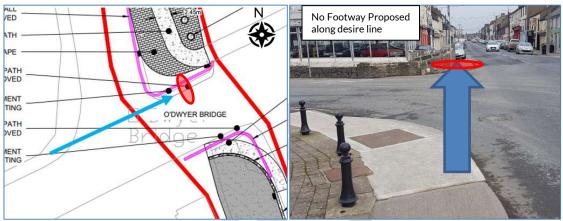


Figure 2-7 Existing Pedestrian Desire Lines across Blackcastle Road

Recommendation

The Design Team should review the pedestrian desire line based on the proposed design and ensure the design ties into the existing road infrastructure. Provisions for visually impaired road users should be provided in the design (i.e. tactile paving at road crossing).

2.7 PROBLEM 8

Width of Proposed Junction - N62 / Blackcastle Road

The proposed design shows work only to the eastern side of the N62/Blackcastle Road junction. The existing wide corner radius on the west side of the junction, in conjunction with the increased eastern corner radius will potentially give rise to higher vehicle speeds turning at the junction. It will also result in increased pedestrian crossing times, which will increasing the risk of collisions between motorised and non-motorised road users.



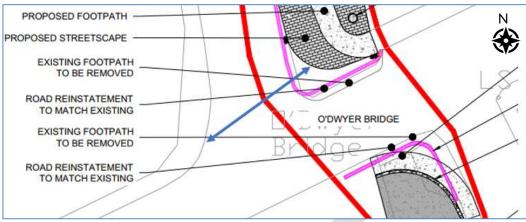


Figure 2-8 Proposed N62 / Blackcastle Road Junction Width

Recommendation

The Design Team should provide junction widths in accordance with guidance from the Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets in accordance with the urban road speed.

2.8 PROBLEM 9

Junction Warning Signage

The Audit team observed onsite the presence of warning signage on the minor road approaches to the N62 staggered junction. Warning signage is being provided on the major road approaches in both directions at quite a distance away from the junction. Significant distance of warning signage to hazards may result in lack of awareness of drivers, believing the warning signs are no longer valid to the area. This could give rise to head on collisions, turning collisions or rear end collisions at the junction as drivers may.



Figure 2-9 Eastbound Approach to the N62 / Blackcastle Road / The Mall Junction

Recommendation

The Design Team should provide staggered junction warning signage on the major road at suitable distances from the hazard.



2.9 **PROBLEM 10**

Tactile Paving Provision

The Audit team noted that the proposed design does not show provision of tactile paving at the N62 / Blackcastle Road / The Mall Junction. This lack of tactile paving could lead to visually impaired road users crossing at unsafe locations leading to collisions.

Recommendation

The Design Team should provide tactile paving at pedestrian crossing points.

2.10 PROBLEM 11

Faded Line Markings

The Audit team observed onsite that the existing road markings within the scheme, in particular, at the N62 / Blackcastle Road / The Mall junction and on the approaches to the junction are heavily worn. The faded line markings could lead to drivers unable to accurately determine the road layout and result in collisions with other road users.







Figure 2-10 Faded Road Markings at the N62/Blackcastle Road / The Mall Junction and Blackcastle Road

Recommendation

Road Markings in and around the scheme should be reinstated to improve safety.

2.11 PROBLEM 12

Drainage Issues

The Audit team noted that in the vicinity of the N62 / Blackcastle Road / The Mall junction that areas of potential water ponding were observed onsite. Ponding water could lead to slip hazards for pedestrians or force pedestrians off footways and into the carriageway creating conflict points between motorised and non-motorised road users.





Figure 2-11 Area of Water Ponding on the East of the N62 / Blackcastle Road Junction

Recommendation

The Design Team should provide adequate drainage.

2.12 PROBLEM 13

Parked Cars and Pedestrian Facilities

The Audit Team observed parking to the east of the N62 / Blackcastle Road junction fronting Young's Garage. The proposed footway alignment tying into the existing footway, may overlap with this area, displacing vehicles resulting in vehicles parked in closer proximity to the junction negatively impacting on visibility. Or vehicles parked on the proposed footway impeding pedestrians.

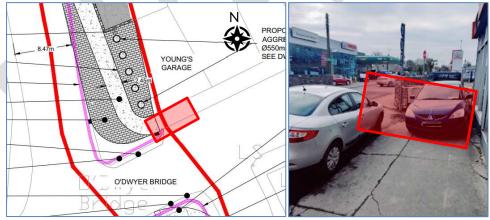


Figure 2-12 Interface of proposed footway and existing footway alignment

Recommendation

The Design Team should ensure adequate visibility is provided at the junction clear of parked vehicles.



2.13 PROBLEM 14

Footway and Pedestrian Restraints

The Audit Team observed along The Mall Road, the existing footway and culvert wall has been significantly damaged with proposed design noting that "the existing stone wall to be repaired as required to match existing". Retention of the existing footway in the current state is a significant trip hazard to pedestrians.

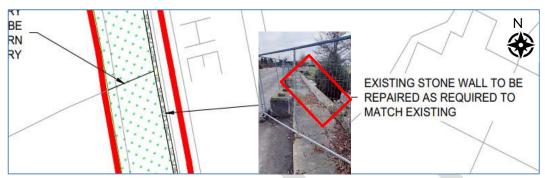


Figure 2-13 Existing Stone Wall and Footpath provision and Proposed Works

Recommendation

The footway at this location should be reinstated in combination with the wall repairs.

2.14 PROBLEM 15

Pavement Widening Works

The proposed works for the scheme include pavement widening works on the N62 at O'Dwyer bridge. It is likely these works will be in the line of vehicle wheel paths. As part of the typical cross section details provided, no information has been shown regarding the pavement widening build up proposed. Insufficient pavement works could result in deterioration at the pavement joint and new pavement section creating a hazard for vehicles at the junction.

Recommendation

The Designer should provide a pavement tie-in and build up to cater for the lifespan and traffic loading on the N62.

2.15 PROBLEM 16

Potential for Inconsistent Road Camber

The proposed works for the scheme include pavement widening works on the N62 at O'Dwyer bridge and new footpath works. There is the potential that to maintain existing tie-in levels, inconsistent camber may be applied on the national road and local side roads causing drivers to be pulled towards the road edge and the potential for vehicular and VRU collisions occurring.

Recommendation

The Designer should provide a pavement tie-in and superelevation along the road consistent with the existing cross falls and in line with the relevant design standards.



2.16 PROBLEM 17

Visibility Splays

The Audit Team has noted that no information on visibility splays has been provide to the Road Safety Audit Team. During the site visit on street parking was observed in proximity to the N62 / Blackcastle Road / The Mall Junction, which may obstruct visibility. This may result in vehicles edging into the carriageway into the path of oncoming vehicles on the mainline (i.e. N62), resulting in side on collision.

Recommendation

The Designer should ensure adequate visibility splays at junctions are provided clear of parked vehicles.

2.17 PROBLEM 18

Staggered Junction Movements

The proposed works for the scheme include pavement widening works on the N62 at O'Dwyers bridge. The Design team note that the additional pavement widening at O'Dwyers bridge may result in vehicles carrying out undertaking manoeuvres on vehicles moving between the two arms of the staggered junction. Absence of line marking to guide vehicles in this instance may result in rear end shunts or head on collisions.

Recommendation

The Designer should provide adequate turning pockets and delineation for vehicles manoeuvring between the Blackcastle Road / N62 and The Mall roads.



3.0 OBSERVATIONS FROM THIS ROAD SAFETY AUDIT

3.1 OBSERVATION 1 - GENERAL

Restricted Footpath Widths Adjacent to Proposed Works

The Road Safety Audit Team noted during the site visit that adjacent to the scheme are areas of restricted footpath widths due to temporary and permanent fixtures.



Figure 3-1 Restricted Footway Width on Blackcastle Road adjacent to scheme

3.2 OBSERVATION 2- GENERAL

Trip Hazards at Drop Kerbs

The Road Safety Audit Team noted during the site visit that adjacent to the scheme drop kerbs which exceed the allowable specification tolerances and deterioration of the road pavement are creating trip hazards for pedestrians.



Figure 3-2 Trip hazards at drop kerb locations



3.3 OBSERVATION 3- GENERAL

Trip Hazards & Pavement Deterioration at Utility Covers

The Road Safety Audit Team observed during the site visit that pavement deterioration was occurring at some utility covers potentially creating an issue for vehicles and trip hazard for pedestrians.



Figure 3-3 Pavement Deterioration at Utility Covers

3.4 OBSERVATION 4- GENERAL

Footway Conditions

The Road Safety Audit Team observed during the site visit, significant pavement deterioration on the River Mall Road creating a significant safety and trip hazards for pedestrians.



Figure 3-4 Examples of Footway Deterioration adjacent to proposed works

3.5 OBSERVATION 5- GENERAL

Parking on Footways

The Audit Team observed along The Mall Road, parking is allowed on both sides of the carriageway. On the footway adjacent to the northbound lane, existing low kerb heights are facilitating vehicles parking and blocking footways which may force VRUs (i.e. wheelchairs and pedestrians with buggies) into the carriageway. Significant footway deterioration was also



observed along this side of the carriageway, which coincides with the position of parked vehicles.



Figure 3-5 Blocked Footways by parked vehicles

3.6 OBSERVATION 6- GENERAL

Pedestrian Crossing Facilities

The Road Safety Audit Team noted during the site visit that there is limited provision for pedestrian crossing facilities on the N62. The closest pedestrian crossing facility is located approximately 300m east of the Blackcastle Road / N62 / The Mall staggered junction.



Figure 3-6 Location of Nearest Pedestrian Crossing to the Staggered Junction



4.0 AUDIT TEAM STATEMENT

We certify that we have examined the drawings and other information listed in Appendix A and visited the site during the day of the 21st of January 2022. We further certify that we are independent from the design team for the scheme. This examination has been carried out with the sole purpose of identifying any features of the design that could be removed or modified to improve the safety of the scheme. The problems that we have identified have been noted in the report, together with suggestions for improvement that in our opinion should be studied for implementation.

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Appendix A – List of Documents Examined

• Drawings

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- Documents

 - HD 15 Report Round L N62TY_076.0 Main Street Templemore
 HD 17 RSI Information Templemore Belleville The Mall junction





Assessment of HD15 site N62TY_076.0

Site Details Collisions Problem and Solution Assessment History Past Assessment History

Site Description

Main Street Templemore.

An assessment for this site was created for analysis round K and previous round.

Site ID N62TY_076.0

Local Authority North Tipperary, Tipperary

 Route No
 N62

 Chainage
 75 to 76

 Length (km)
 1

 Estimated AADT
 5031

 Injury Collision Rate
 72.6

 Material Damage Collision Rate
 0

Threshold Twice Above Rate

HCL Yes

Collision Data

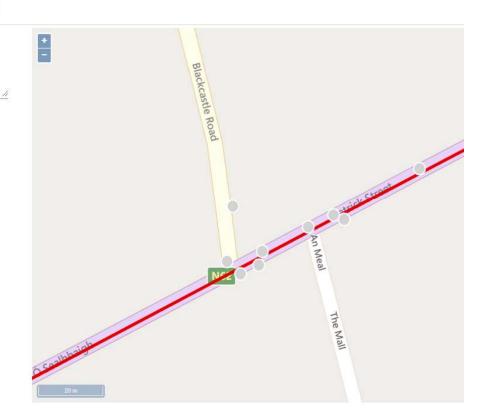
 Count of Collisions
 31

 Fatal Collisions
 0

 Serious Injury Collisions
 0

 Minor Injury Collisions
 4

 Material Damage Only Collisions
 27





Assessment of HD15 s	ite N62TY_076.0						
Site Details	Collisions	Problem and Solution	Assessment History	Past Assessment History			
General Collision Patter	m						
Pedestrians	☐ Head On	Si	ngle Vehicle	Mixed			
Collision Pattern Description							
some apparent clusters the junction with the Ma	along the length, one, at t	he junction of Mary Street a aterial damage collisions ha	and at the other at the junc appened there in the last 2	the Eastern section of the site.	<u> </u>		
Problem Types							
Layout	Surface	Definition		Sight Distance	Width	Marking	Signs
Problem Description							
The main pattern appea to inappropriate speeds		the junctions. The road la	yout from the north is wide	on approach and may be conduciv	e		
					<u>//</u>		
Solution Types							
Engineering	☐ Education	☐ En	forcement				
Solution Description							
		asible engineering solutions yout along length to bring ir		idence of collisions. Assess lighting			
					,		





TAG_ID	N	MAINLINEISSUE	SEVERITY	LIKELIHOO	RISK	BROAD_SOLUTION	FEASIBILITY_STAGE_SOLUTION	SKETCH	COST
		Drivers may exit junction without adequate					Provide adequate sight distance to the left by relocating objects		
45085	5 N	A knowledge of oncoming vehicles on the main road.	21	7	Level 3	Minor Alignment - Landtake Required	obscuring view of oncoming traffic	N	20000
45347	7 N	Conflict between pedestrians and motorised vehicles	15	7	Level 3	VRU Provision	Review layout of junction and provide for vulnerable road users	N	2000
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Appendix B - RSA Team Approval by TII

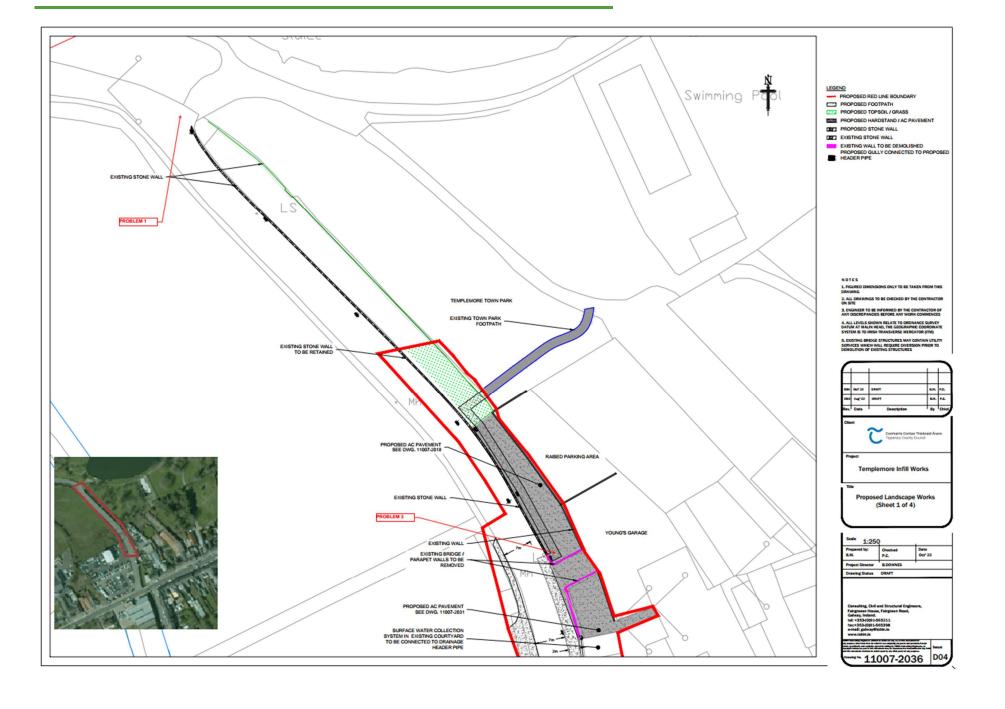




Appendix C - Problem Map



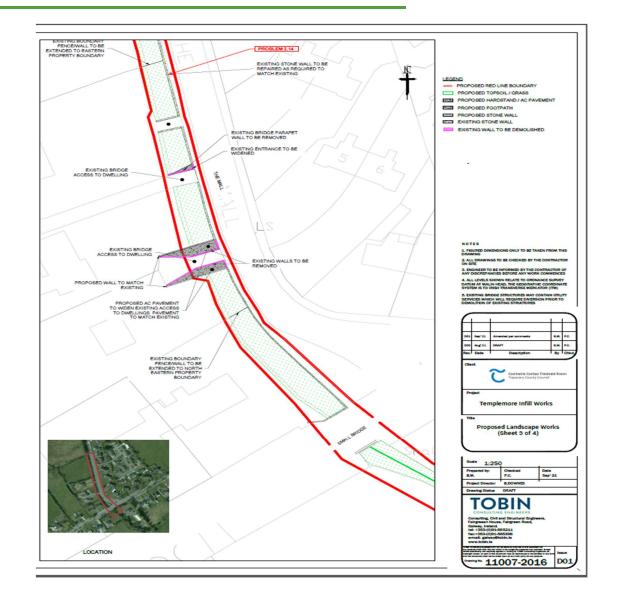














Appendix D – Road Safety Audit Feedback Form



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