Proposed Mixed Development, Main Street, Newcastle, Co Dublin Traffic Note for RFI Response on SD22A/0312 Lidl Ireland GmbH



1. General

Stephen Reid Consulting Traffic & Transportation Limited (SRC) has been retained by Lidl Ireland GmbH (Lidl) to prepare this note in response to the traffic points in the Request for Further Information (RFI) issued by South Dublin County Council (SDCC) in respect of a planning application for proposed development at Main Street, Newcastle, Co Dublin by Lidl Ireland GmbH (SDCC ref.: SD22A/0312).

2. SDCC RFI Traffic Items and SRC Responses

Item 3 is as follows:

- "3. The Applicant is requested to provide a revised Site Layout Plan demonstrating the following:
- (i) The addition of a Toucan Crossing on Athgoe Road at the raised table ramp to improve access for vulnerable pedestrians at the proposed development.
- (ii) The provision of space for additional bicycle parking should it become necessary to provide them.

SRC Response

Item 3(i) – Please find enclosed drawing SRC 214-100 which illustrates the general arrangement for a Toucan crossing on the proposed revised traffic calming ramp, to SDCC standard specifications.

Item 3(ii) -

The SRC TIA report submitted for planning noted as follows:

"The cycle parking standard in Table 13.24 of the Development Plan is a minimum of 1/5 staff for retail and café uses (long term, covered and secure from public access) plus 1/50 sq. m (short term) for retail uses, and 1/10 seats for café use.

Assuming 25 staff at Lidl and 8 staff in the 2 smaller units, this would equate to a requirement for 7 long stay spaces for staff and 45 (retail) + 3 (café) short stay spaces for customers.

It is considered that the short-stay provision would far exceed demands for the convenience retail element (Lidl) and therefore it is proposed to provide 32 spaces (in two groups of 16 spaces) using Sheffield stands located opposite the trolley bay (for cyclists accessing the site from the Main Street) and at the bottom of the ramp from the Cairn site (for cyclists accessing from the Cairn site internal network.

A further 8 spaces for staff cycle are proposed to be located on the perimeter of the car park to the south of the Kelly Estates building. These will be long stay use and therefore will be covered and secure."

It is considered that the proposal submitted for planning contains more than adequate cycle parking to accommodate the future needs of the development, as the peak hour traffic attraction is in the order of 100 vehicles, and it is highly unlikely there would ever be a scenario where 32 customers would arrive to this type of development in a single hour, let alone the development peak hour, due to the nature of many convenience retail trips where customers would carry out a weekly 'trolley' shop and it would be impractical for such a trip to be undertaken on a bicycle.

In the event of a significant surge in cycle travel to the development in the future (resulting in a demand for cycle parking greater than the 32 visitor spaces and 8 staff spaces proposed) it is noted that this would be due to a mode shift rather than an increased level of trips and there would be a consequent reduction in private car use. If that were to occur, it would be a practical solution to convert underutilised parking spaces into cycle parking to address any future shift in demands.

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