

Proposed Material Alterations - Draft Leixlip LAP 2020 - 2026

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Proposed Material Alteration 25
Delete objective MT1.6(Page 52)
re Footbridge over the Rye Water


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Reconsideration should be given to the deletion of objective MT1.6, To provide a footbridge over the Rye Water with associated paths to connect Confey Community College to nearby housing estates. There are already numerous access points through these estates to the Rye Water river bank that many use for walking & cycling etc. Provision of such a footbridge would shorten the journey to Confey Community College by approx. 3KM for many students who live in areas of Leixlip such as Ryevale Lawns, Louisa Valley, Celbridge Road, Green Lane, Glen Easton etc. Currently students who live in these areas are being driven to school by parents as there is no short route to Confey Community College and they have to take a long route which takes them down into Leixlip Village, up Captains hill and back down through River Forest estate, adding to the traffic and congestion on the roads particularly in the mornings when people are going to work and children are being dropped off at other various schools in the Leixlip area. Provision of such a footbridge would put Confey Community College within easy walking or cycling distance for many students and have knock on benefits for their physical fitness and wellbeing. I hope local councillors and planners will reconsider proposed material alteration 25 to delete objective MT1.6 and progress with the construction of a footbridge over the Rye Water as soon as possible as it is something that will help meet some of the goals of councillors and planners such as reducing traffic in Leixlip, and associated pollution, make the roads that bit safer at busier times, encourage more walking and cycling and increase a sense of community. These days when physical and mental health are such big issues with young people, the provision of a footbridge will encourage many to walk and cycle to school in Confey Community College and provide extra opportunities to chat with friends and potentially have a positive impact on their overall wellbeing.

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