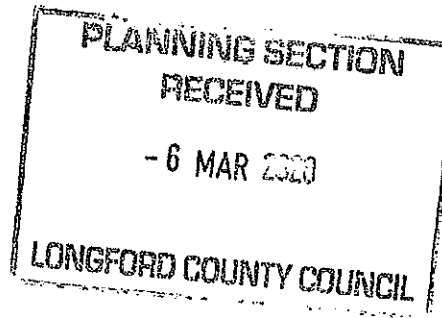


Ms. Fionnuala Fagan
The Planning Department
Longford County Council
County Buildings
Great Water Street
Co. Longford
N39 NH56



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4 March 2020

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RE: Off Street Car Park at Main Street, Ballymahon, Co. Longford

Dear Ms. Fagan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt, with thanks, of the Part 8 referral of 21 February 2020 and advise that Transport Infrastructure Ireland has no specific observations to make in relation to the development.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Byrne
Regulatory and Administration Unit

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Planning Section
Longford County Council
Aras An Chontae
Great Water Street
Longford.

Date: 3rd April 2020

Our Ref: SLI0010001

Your Ref:

Re: Proposed off-street car parking at Ballymahon, Co. Longford.

Our Client: Sli Na Mona Resident's Association, Ballymahon, Co. Longford.

Dear Sirs,

We refer to the above matter and our clients, Sli Na Mona Resident's Association.

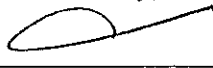
The proposed car park will exit directly onto the N55 via the Sli Na Mona Estate.

Please confirm that Transport Infrastructure Ireland have been notified in writing of this development.

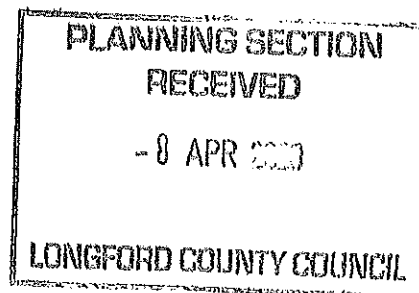
The Council's notice also refers to road number L-52185. Please provide a map noting the location of this road.

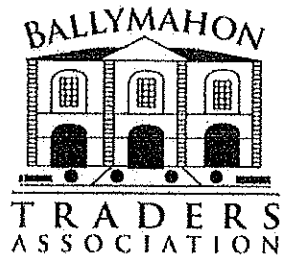
We await hearing from you.

Yours faithfully,



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J. Brannigan
Director of Services
Planning Section
Longford County Council
Great Water Street
Longford

Thursday, 23 April 2020

Dear Sir / Madam

RE: Planning Application Support for PROPOSED OFF STREET CAR PARK AT MAIN STREET BALLYMAHON

The Ballymahon Traders Association would like to show its support for the above planning application recently submitted on the 21st February 2020.

As a business group we have discussed and debates the pros and cons of the current street car parking facilities and the lack of proper secure parking on the main street, we welcome this development in the town and look forward to the added business and benefits to the town community from this development.

Both residential and business groups have highlighted the limited availability of off street parking as a long-standing issue.

Your Sincerely

John Byrne

Chairperson

Ballymahon Traders Association

Main Street
Ballymahon
Co Longford
N39 A6P2

Planning Section
Longford County Council
Aras an Chontae
Great Water Street
Longford

22 April 2020

Re: Part 8 Planning and Development - Proposed off-street car park at Main Street, Ballymahon.

Dear Sir / Madam

Having lived and worked on Main Street, Ballymahon all my life I am in full support of this planning application to develop an off-street car park at the rear of SuperValu. This car park must be constructed if Ballymahon is to grow and develop to its full potential.

Being an active member of Ballymahon Traders Association ("BTA"), with a business in the middle of the town, Finnegan's Garage, I can confirm that parking on Main Street has been a huge problem for quite a while for businesses, customers and visitors. BTA surveyed all businesses on Main Street and can confirm that there are in excess of 80/90 cars parked daily by local business employers and employees. Traffic management plans for Ballymahon going forward mean that we are going to lose at least 30 car parking spaces in the middle of the town with new traffic lights and a new planned traffic lane system at Nally's Corner/N55. The proposed new car park will allow everyone working in business in the middle of the town to park off-street and allow business to grow.

BTA, as a group, visited Westport where we had a great meeting with Simon Wall, Town Architect with Mayo County Council and his team. They explained how Westport identified their shortcomings and strengths as a business and tourist destination. They described the processes involved in planning and developing Westport into the fantastic business and tourist destination it is today. Photos of the Westport streetscape taken 20 years ago bear a very strong resemblance to Ballymahon today.

Longford County Council's plans to construct and deliver a new upgraded traffic management system with new streetscape and new footpaths would greatly enhance Ballymahon town as a tourist destination. Due to the increased volume of visitor traffic on Mondays and Fridays, as Center Parcs is on our doorstep, it is imperative to have both off-street and on-street parking to encourage visitors and tourists to stop and shop in Ballymahon town.

I hope that the proposed car park will become a reality.

Yours faithfully


Peter Dennehy





Planning Section
Longford County Council
Aras an Chontae
Great Water Street
Longford

27TH April 2020

**Re: Part 8 Planning and Development - Part 8-number 73
Proposed off-street car park at Main Street, Ballymahon, Co Longford**

Dear Sir / Madam

Being an active member of Ballymahon Traders Association ("BTA"), with a business in the middle of the town, Raymond White Auctioneering, I can confirm that parking on Main Street has been a huge problem for quite a while for businesses, customers and visitors. BTA surveyed all businesses on Main Street and can confirm that there are in excess of 80/90 cars parked daily by local business employers and employees. Traffic management plans for Ballymahon going forward mean that we are going to lose at least 30 car parking spaces in the middle of the town with new traffic lights and a new planned traffic lane system at Nally's Corner/N55. The proposed new car park will allow everyone working in business in the middle of the town to park off-street and allow business to grow.

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Yours faithfully

Jackie White

Ballymahon Pharmacy
Main Street
Ballymahon
Co Longford

Planning Section
Longford County Council
Aras an Chontae
Great Water Street
Longford

26th April 2020

Re: Part 8 Planning and Development - Proposed off-street car park at Main Street, Ballymahon.

Dear Sir / Madam

I am writing this letter to support the development an off-street car park to the rear of SuperValu and adjoining properties. In order for Ballymahon to grow its town centre and realize its full potential it is imperative that a carpark is built as soon as possible.

As an owner of a pharmacy business in the town centre, I have daily first hand experience of the lack of appropriate parking on the Main Street for quite some time. I am also aware that the traffic management proposals for the town will drastically reduce the parking bays. This cart before the horse scenario will have negative knock on effects for customers and businesses alike. However, if adequate parking is provided in a central location it will mitigate against such reductions and enable employees and customers to park off-street which in turn will allow business to develop and improve the customer experience. I am also mindful of the age profile of my customers as many are elderly and parking to the rear of a supermarket and pharmacy would reduce the burden on them especially in the new Covid 19 era of entry restrictions etc which may force patrons to queue and or wait in their cars. A car park close to essential services would reduce their burden.

In general, I welcome Longford County Council's proposals to upgrade the traffic management and streetscape. Ballymahon's main thoroughfare and Library location allows for a town centre focused perspective. Parking in the town centre is by extension an absolute requirement.

Yours faithfully

Ciaran O'Hanlon

Proprietor, Ballymahon Pharmacy.

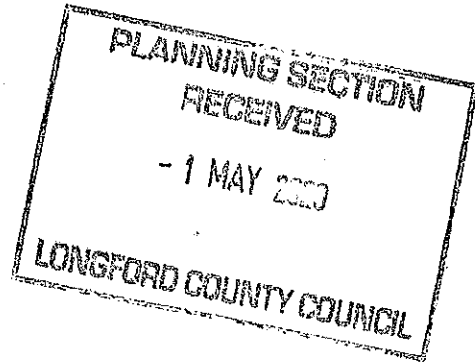


SuperValu

Smyths SuperValu

26th. April, 2020

Planning Department,
Longford County Council,
Aras An Chontae,
Great Water Street,
Longford.



Ref: **New Car Park: Main Street, Ballymahon**

Dear Sir / Madam,

I am writing to you, confirming my absolute support and cooperation relating to the planning application, to develop a new car park behind my shop at **Smyths SuperValu**. I believe this is an essential development and location and will help develop and grow commercial life and social life in our town.

I employ 42 staff who work various shifts over seven days trading; most have cars. We have up to 15 small van deliveries per day, supporting local suppliers. Supplier Sales Representatives call daily to our shop; they have cars. Town Link and the Irish Wheelchair Association are also just some of the visitors to our shop; they have cars. We are very conscious of our elderly or disabled customers and their parking needs. The numbers at **Centre Parc**, both employees and customers, are growing by the week. We are at a crossroads between Longford, Mullingar and Athlone. People travel both for work and leisure between the three towns. Tourists and tourist parking is needed. A new Main Street plan indicates a loss of up to 30 parking spaces. Parking is required for this loss of space but also for increased traffic in the future. We are developing a new shop front and will be putting in a new **Post Office (An Post)** at our shop. This should bring extra footfall and no doubt cars to this area. As a member of Ballymahon Traders Association we support both fellow traders, locals, festivals and any worthwhile events or seasonal celebrations on our Main Street; we urgently need parking.

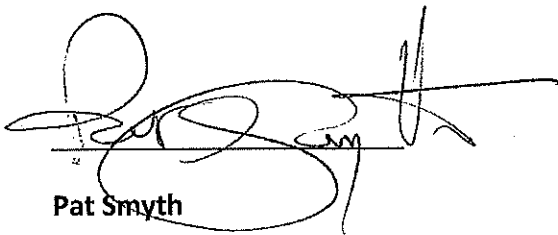
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All that I have just noted above, are just some of the great commercial and social activity in our beautiful town. We need this new car park. It is also most important to note that the proposed location of the New Car Park is excellent. We are the largest retailer in town, family owned and managed, located at the heart of Ballymahon commercial life. (N39 RX53). Our immediate neighbours are Polish Shop, Fresh Today, O'Hanlons Pharmacy, Ballymahon Library, Nallys Pub, Divilly's Hardware, Credit Union, Finnegans Garage, Apache Restaurant, 9 Arches Restaurant plus Barbers and Hair Salons and many more. Street Parking and extra parking , off street is urgently required.

Thank you for your continued support in helping develop and grow retail and commercial and social life Ballymahon. Looking forward to our new car park.

Thank you.

Kind regards,



Pat Smyth

[Redacted]



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RE: Part 8 – Irish Water’s observations for planning ref. 73

Dear Sir, Madam,

Please accept this submission in respect of the above-referenced planning application for development at Main Street, Ballymahon, co. Longford.

Irish Water has reviewed the proposed development and would like to make the following observations:

Our records indicate an existing Irish Water asset near the proposed entrance/exit of the car park.

Therefore, Irish Water requests that any grant of permission be conditioned as follows:

Appropriate measures shall be undertaken to protect Irish Water infrastructure in close proximity to the proposed development.

All existing infrastructure (i.e. meterboxes, valves, manholes, etc) are to be identified and marked before work commences to prevent them being covered over by the works. All IW infrastructure (i.e. meterboxes, valves, and manholes, etc) are to be reinstated in accordance with IW Standards.

All development is carried out in compliance with Irish Water Standards codes and practices. Further details on Irish Water Standard Code and Practices can be found on the Irish Water website <https://www.water.ie/connections/developer-services/>