

## Jacqui Colreavy

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**From:** Finbarr Keaney  
**Sent:** 13 November 2020 14:56  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Submission received  
**Attachments:** Mohill Public Realm..pdf

Dear Jacinta,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission on 11th November 2020 in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Proposals and that your submission will be duly considered.

Kind regards,  
Finbarr

Finbarr Keaney,  
Staff Officer,  
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The Chalet,

Mohill,

Co. Leitrim

Leitrim Co. Co.,

27 Nov 2020

re Mohill Public Realm Plan.

As a proud native citizen of the town  
& having listened over the years to many  
desires re "Development" ... on this  
one - I would like to suggest covering  
the river between the original entrance  
to Ouse Castle on Castle St. to the  
pedestrian foot bridge. This could be  
done with modern engineering & make the  
covered area a "plaza" type entrance  
to the Ouse Castle & accessible to  
other modes of transport.  
The "romantic" view of a walk way  
along the river etc. is purely that!  
This might help to set the "parking" issue.

Sincerely  
Teresa Cleary.



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**From:** Martin Donnelly  
**Sent:** 13 November 2020 15:44  
**To:** Planning Reports Only  
**Subject:** Part 8 - 20 - C - 3 Mohill Public Realm Improvement works

**Importance:** High

13 November 2020

Re: Part 8 - 20 - C - 3 Mohill Public Realm Improvement works

Having reviewed the documents attaching to the subject file I would comment as per the following. Note, these comments relate solely to issues of accessibility of the built environment.

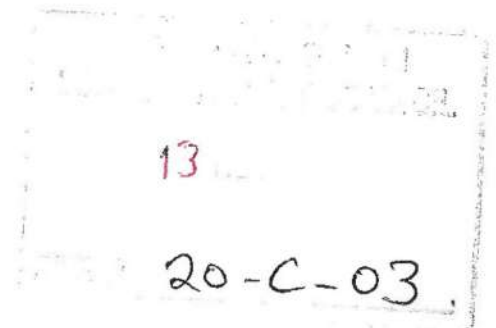
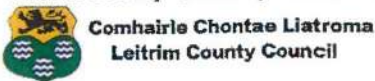
External environment.

1. All works are to comply with the guidance contained in Book 1 of Building for Everyone: A Universal Design Approach, published by the National Disability Authority.
2. The accessible parking spaces to have full length dropped-kerb and to be provided with tactile paving
3. All street furniture, eg seating, bins, bollards or tree guards, to be colour contrasted to their surroundings.

Details of compliance with the foregoing shall be submitted to the Planning Authority for agreement prior to commencement.

Regards,

**Martin Donnelly | Enforcement Officer**  
**Taking in Charge Section, Planning Department,**  
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## Finbarr Keaney

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**To:** Cllr Thomas Mulligan  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm  
**Attachments:** Planning Dept.docx; Mohill Public Realm..pdf; Mohill Public Realm.pdf

Dear Thomas,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020 in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Proposals and that the submission received will be duly considered.

We have also acknowledged the two other submissions submitted with your email directly to the respective individuals.

I trust this is acceptable.

Kind regards,  
Finbarr

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**From:** Vivienne Egan  
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**To:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm

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**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm

Good afternoon

FAO: Senior planner

Please see attached.

Hardcopies of the attached correspondence in postbox.

Kind regards  
Thomas Mulligan  
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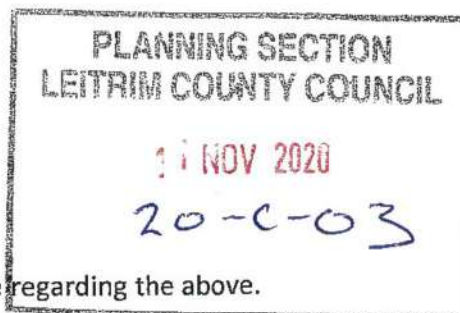
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Planning Dept.,  
Leitrim County Council.

Re. Mohil Public Realm Plan



There are a number of observations I would like to make regarding the above.

1. The street parking available presently is necessary and as far as possible should be retained. To remove any of these spaces would be detrimental to existing business and the possibility of attracting new business to the existing commercial premises. THIS SHOULD BE A PRIORITY.
2. The junction at upper Main Street is dangerous for drivers coming down from the schools and church. This junction is also used as a turning (U TURN) area for car drivers who require to return down Main St. The alternative is to go around by the back of the church and come down by the schools where almost 700 pupils enter and leave the two Schools. The church car park is where national school children are dropped and met by their parents. A mini roundabout is a solution at this location and would also be very effective in reducing speed.
3. The extensive history of the town should be acknowledged and portrayed as part of any public realm plan.
4. The poor condition of the river needs to be urgently addressed.
5. I am not convinced that the proposed (Totem Poles) are suitable or in keeping with the historic and by far oldest town in the county.
6. Attention to the amount of water which comes from the area of the schools and flows down the main street during flash floods should not be underestimated. Existing storm drains are inadequate.
7. Overall I welcome the proposals provided that due regard be given to my six observations.

Cllr Thomas Mulligan

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Thomas Mulligan,  
Hyde St.,  
Mohill.



**To:** Senior Planner  
**From:** Nathan Gregg, ACFO  
**Planning Ref.** 20-C-03

**Mohill Public Realm Improvement Works**

**Date:** 11/11/2020

The following are comments in respect of the proposed public realm improvement works;

1. Any roadways and/or emergency vehicle access routes affected by the proposed works should comply with Section 5.2 of Technical Guidance Document B and a minimum clear width of road between kerbs of 3.7 metres should be maintained. Additionally, be advised the minimum carrying capacity of surfaces intended to carry an emergency vehicle should be 15 tonnes.
2. Hydrants should be maintained or replaced and be of the screw down type to B.S. 750 and the outlet should be no greater than 200mm below ground level. Hydrants should be conspicuously marked, indicator marker plates should be provided complying with B.S.3251: 1976.

**Nathan Gregg**

**Assistant Chief Fire Officer  
Leitrim County Fire Service**

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Eileen Keenehan

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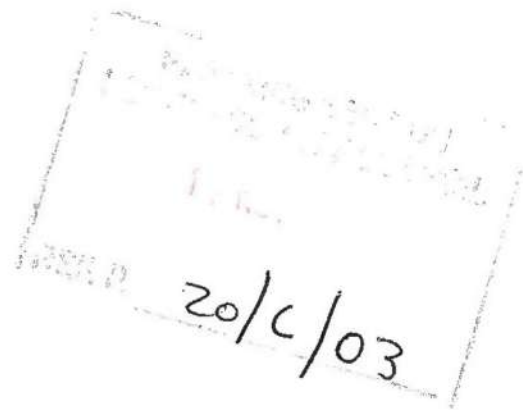
**From:** Nathan Gregg  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 16:45  
**To:** Planning Reports Only  
**Subject:** 20 C 03 Mohill  
**Attachments:** 20 C 03 Mohill Public Realm.docx

Please find attached comments in relation to 20 C 03.

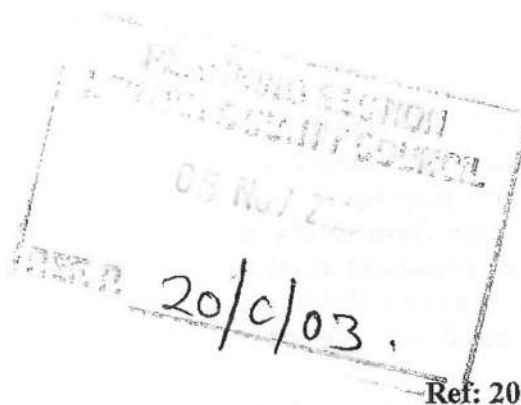
Regards,

Nathan Gregg  
*Assistant Chief Fire Officer*  
Leitrim Fire Service

I am currently working away from the office and best contacted via email.







5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Ref: 20-C-03

**Bernard Green**  
**Senior Planner,**  
**Planning Section**  
**Leitrim County Council**

**RE: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Part 8**

**A Chara,**

Please see my comments below with regard to the Part 8 planning for the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme.

- The scheme is to be designed in accordance with the Geometric Design Standards as set out in Design Manual for Urban Roads and Streets (DMURS).
- Given the fact that Mohill is located at the junction of the R202 and the R201 which transports large amounts of traffic with no alternative routes through the town. The R201 accommodates 2 way traffic and the R202 has a partial 2 way system on the Dromod approach to the town through the town. Given the fact that the public realm proposes to create a shared surface between pedestrians and vehicles where 2 way traffic exists, I feel that these shared surfaces should be subject to rigorous analysis that assesses the suitability of these streets for such purposes.. It would be very prudent to complete a traffic assessment of all road users who will be impacted by the proposed scheme. This assessment should be in accordance with Chapter 5 of DMURs provision of quality audits.
- The scheme to be audited at all stages as set out in the Quality Audits Section of DMURS this would be vital for the success of the scheme
- The R202 is classed as an arterial road which has 2 way traffic should have a minimum width of 6.5 -7m to accommodate 2 way traffic flow of HGV & articulated lorries.
- All junctions should be subject to swept path analysis in line with traffic usage classification from traffic surveys.
- The scheme proposes perpendicular parking on the R202 opposite the Garda station , this will lead to road safety issues as drivers will be reversing onto a 2 way street having poor sight distance. The perpendicular parking should be replaced with parallel parking
- The scheme proposes steps close to the vehicular entrance of the Catholic Church that lead out onto the R201, these should be removed as drivers will find it hard to see the pedestrian at this location.
- A bus stop is proposed adjacent to the Hunt National School but this is a set down area for children taken to/from school. It would need to be relocated to a more

appropriate location to be agreed with service providers and in accordance to DMURS & NTA standards in discussion.

- The scheme proposes to reduce the junction width of Castle street & Main street from 2 lanes down to one lane, I feel that 2 lanes accessing onto main street should be maintained as all traffic coming along the R201 from the Ballinamore direction ends up at this junction..
- The perpendicular parking on castle street should be replaced with parallel parking
- Proposed Scheme to comply with National & local development plans & strategies
  
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- The proposed scheme hasn't provided for any loading bays, the appropriate location of loading bays should be agreed with local retailers and businesses
- All paved materials to be used in this scheme to be in accordance with the Materials and Specification section of DMURS
- Adequate provision of storm water gullies to be provided at appropriate locations throughout the scheme
- It is very hard to Envisage how the road is going to be realigned and raised adjacent to J Cashin Garage given the fact that the petrol pumps are in close Proximity to the edge of the R201, further detail required on this
- Street Furniture to be in accordance with standards & specifications as well as being NASI approved. They should be appropriately located that they can be easily accessed for maintenance purposes.

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Michael Gallagher

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**Road Design Section**



**Eileen Keenehan**

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**From:** Michael Gallagher  
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**Cc:** Bernard Greene; Terry McGovern  
**Subject:** FW: Part 8 - 20 - C - 3 Mohill Public Realm Improvement works  
**Attachments:** Part 8 - Mohill Public Realm.pdf; Referral - Roads.docx  
  
**Importance:** High

A Chara,

Please see attached planning report from the road design office .

Michael

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**From:** Finbarr Keaney  
**Sent:** 06 October 2020 14:43  
**To:** Finian Joyce; Francis Gaffney; Shay O'Connor; Terry McGovern; Darragh OBoyle  
**Cc:** Martin Donnelly; Brendan McKenna; Michael Gallagher; Ursula Corcoran; Nathan Gregg; Eithne Tiernan; James Malone; Joseph Banks; Michael Forde; Ronan McNabb; Thomas Vaughan  
**Subject:** Part 8 - 20 - C - 3 Mohill Public Realm Improvement works  
**Importance:** High

A Chairde

Please find our referral letter attached for your attention in relation to the Part VIII relating to the **Mohill Public Realm improvement scheme**. Your report is requested by **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**.

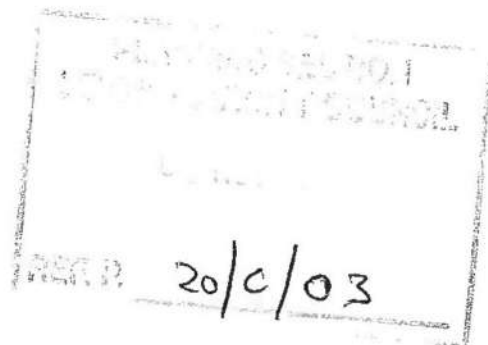
**Please note Reports should be emailed to "Planning Reports Only" and no other email address, as a record needs to be kept of all reports received.**

Regards

*Finbarr*

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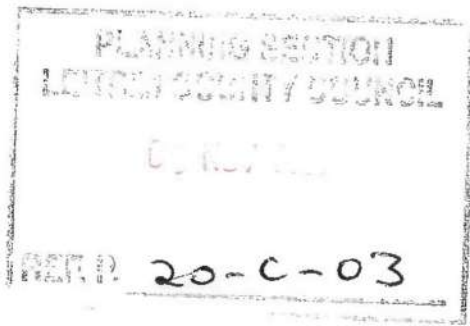
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**Eileen Keenehan**

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**From:** Urszula Kacperek  
**Sent:** 05 November 2020 12:43  
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**Cc:** Brendan McKenna; Bernard Greene  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Planning Report  
**Attachments:** scan.pdf; LAWPRO report\_Rinn\_010.pdf

Attached is the Planning Report and LAWPRO report on Rinn\_010  
Thank you

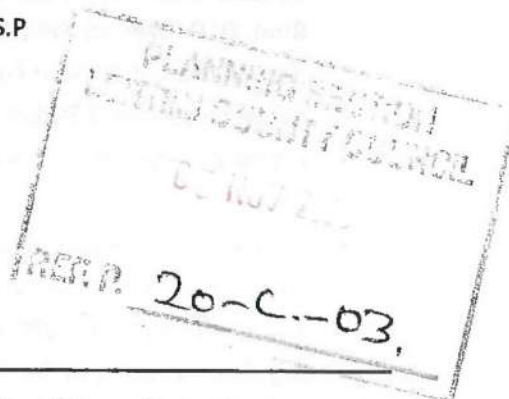




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**Ref:** Part 8 - 20-C-3 "Mohill Public Realm Scheme"  
**Applicant:** Leitrim County Council  
**Location:** Mohill Town, Co. Leitrim  
**Date:** 04/11/2020



We welcome the above project and we believe that the works will add benefits to the town of Mohill. The waterbody within the project site is the Rinn\_010 River, this River has "Poor" ecological and water quality status and flows downstream approximately 3km into Lough Rinn which has fallen to "Bad" water quality status. As a consequence of the fall in status in the Rinn\_010 River and Lough Rinn; these waterbodies have been included in the "Lough Rinn Forbes Priority Area for Action" and detailed catchment assessments are being conducted by the Local Authorities Water Programme (LAWPRO) scientists on the Rinn\_010 River. LAWPRO has identified several issues which are impacting on the water quality of Rinn\_010 River from the area within the project site. These issues include storm water overflows, the landfill, illegal dumping, and possible misconnections. (Copy of the LAWPRO Report attached from Catchment Scientist)

On review of the proposed plan we would like to make the following submissions as part of the consultation process:

**1. Stormwater Drainage / Flooding**

- Carry out a full topographical survey
- Carry out full survey of existing Foul and Storm Water sewers; liaise with Irish Water and the property owners to carry out dye testing of the connections at the properties in the town. To identify and resolve any misconnection issues which will eliminate these nutrients from entering the river. They are having a negative impact on the ecology and water quality status of the Rinn\_010 River.
- Liaise with Irish Water and Water Services to deal with the storm water overflows (SWO's) discharging into the Rinn\_010 River.

- Separate all surface water/roof water run-off from the foul public sewer system
- Ensure that existing and planned storm water drainage is of adequate capacity.
- Liaise with Irish Water in identification and resolving any misconnections issues.
- Install petrol interceptors on all surface water drainage pipes particularly from hard surface areas which can contain hydrocarbon contaminants prior to discharge to Rinn\_010 River. In the interest of protecting water quality of the Rinn River, which is part of the Lough Rinn Forbes Priority Area for Action (PAA) failing to meet the WFD objective of Good Status.
- Install non-return valves at discharge points on all foul and storm pipes to the Rinn\_010 River
- Please supply drawings with full details of storm water/foul water drainage system from the topographical surveys to the Environment Department
- Drainage design should take into account Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS) e.g. SuDS Project by Mc Cloy Consulting – see link below  
[Multi Award Winning Bridget Joyce Square - McCloy Consulting](#)
- Modern, up to date SUD's design should be considered in the design of the car park areas and incorporated into the SUD's planting areas allowing for water and rainwater harvesting.
- Liaise with OPW Flood Design team of consultant engineers regarding the flood relief plans for Mohill.
- Ensure all mitigation measures are in place to protect against all types of fluvial and pluvial flooding. This should be discussed in detail between the design architect/consultant for the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme, Leitrim County Council and the OPW appointed Flood Risk Management Plan design consultant.
- When Nutrients are removed from river it may be an idea to create a fountain in the river showing clean water like on the River in Enniskillen and elsewhere as a water feature

## **2. Potential pollutants**

- Install petrol interceptors on all storm water drainage prior to discharge to the Rinn\_010 River in the interest of protecting water quality.
- Petrol interceptors should be provided on all drainage outlets from all car parks.
- High volumes of growth and a layer of scum on the surface of the Rinn\_010 River are linked to combined overflow discharges within the town and poor surface water runoff control, and this should be resolved as it will have a negative visual and ecological impact on the project.

- Sedimentation and the accumulation of sediment on the bed of the Rinn\_010 River due to combined overflow discharges within the town and poor surface water runoff control is prohibited.
- All sources of pollution into the Rinn\_010 River within the project site should be identified and works carried out to resolve, and this should be included in the Consultant's brief.

### 3. Car parks

- Include E-charging points including fast charging points for electric cars in all the car parks and at other convenient locations as deemed necessary.

### 4. Cycling and Walking

- Whilst the project includes stands for bicycles, it should also give consideration to developing new and appropriate cycling lanes within the town envelope to enhance the accessibility of pedestrian and cycling routes along the former railway (Green Way) and River Walk (Blue Way). Cycling lanes and looped routes should connect the Green Way and Blue Way with the main road arteries in Mohill e.g Main Street, Glebe Street to connect with the Ballinamore Road, along Hyde Street and Station Road should be considered.
- The creation of cycling connections was identified in the "Mohill – Urban Framework for Living" as a theme for the future development of the overall town:
  - Enhance pedestrian and cycle connections from peripheral residential and employment areas to the town centre
  - Create potential pedestrian / cycle routes along the former railway (Greenway) and the river (Blueway).
  - Create linkages within the town core itself, along the existing public streets and spaces, and connections through backlands.
- Ensure that the cycling lanes provide a connection between other cycle trails in the wider area and have the potential to create new trails such as that to Lough Rynn Castle and to the Caravan and Amenity Park
- Cycling Lanes with looped routes around Mohill will also allow use for walking and running around Mohill which will enhance accessibility for leisure and enjoyment of Mohill and its environs
- Install covered bicycle stands in strategic locations,
- Consideration should be given to creating a cycling hire kiosk with bicycle hire options e.g. a self-service bicycle rental system with stations located in Mohill, Dromod, Annaduff and Lough Rinn or construction of purpose built bicycle hire kiosk that can be leased by local bicycle hire company.

*Please note Section 3.6.1 Sustainable Transportation and Section 3.6.3 Walking and Cycling in the Leitrim County Development Plan 2015 – 2021*

## **5. Recycling**

- Relocate the bottle banks from the existing site at the Civic Amenity Site on Water Street, Mohill to alternative suitable location. Create a new bottle bank site to ensure easier accessibility for the public e.g. to the proposed car park on Glebe Street or alternative suitable location. The recycling site should be designed sympathetically with the existing environment and made accessible and attractive to encourage recycling.
- Install new segregated public litter bins throughout the town to encourage recycling.

## **6. Construction & Demolition Waste**

- Comply with Inland Fisheries Ireland guidelines with regards to the control of siltation during construction works

[Guidelines on protection of fisheries during construction works in and adjacent to waters](#)

- The contractor(s) should submit a Construction and Demolition (C & D) waste management plan at tender stage

Please note that there is only one Certificate of Registration site (COR) for the management of Construction and Demolition waste in Co. Leitrim i.e. Kerrigan's Quarry

*The opening of COR sites should be considered by any proposed contractor so they have a licenced facility for waste disposal due to lack of registered facilities and capacity challenges within the County.*

## **7. Construction Environmental Plan**

- The Contractor(s) should submit a Construction Environmental Management Plan (CEMP) to set out clearly the actions to be undertaken and by whom in the event that an environmental pollution event occurs; which is directly attributable to the works being undertaken as part of the programme of works. The CEMP should set out the potential environmental pollution scenarios and provide best practice remedial action examples (both photographic and sketch of how past events have been addressed. THE CEMP should be put in place at Tender Stage and be agreed with IFI officers. It should be



a live document and be updated by the appointed Contractor to do the Scheme and be submitted at all stages to IFI and Environment Department.

#### **8. Rainwater Harvesting**

- Install rainwater harvesting systems at suitable locations - e.g. to be used by Tidy Towns group to water plants, local businesses for washing footpaths
- Install a water feature at a suitable location in the town of Mohill that uses rainwater and solar power e.g. a mini fountain or waterfall effect sculpture in the Butter Market or adjacent to Castle Street/Main street (Area A) to increase the attractiveness of the area and beneficial effects.

#### **9. Public Lighting**

- Ensure any new public lighting is the most energy efficient available e.g. LED street lighting

#### **10. Biodiversity**

- Design and install appropriate biodiversity signage along proposed River Walk, which is a place of diverse fauna appearance including many bird species, the Heron is often spotted in this location (consult with LA community waters office and Heritage Officer)
- An expert Ecologist should be actively engaged for the Mohill Public Realm project to develop the sustainable ecology model for the Rinn\_010 River to create a healthy river ecosystem to support diverse aquatic plants, species and fish to enrich biodiversity.
- Ensure all landscape developments include a diversity of native plants, shrubs, and trees.
- Install a line of poles along the river with planters and plants to further increase the biodiversity of the area, which is more aesthetically appealing for Mohill and visitors to the town.

#### **11. Maintenance**

- Ensure ongoing maintenance contracts/costs are considered for the completed works as necessary e.g. for installed petrol interceptor

#### **12. Other Environmental Initiatives**

- Install drinking water refill stations at appropriate locations – to allow people to refill water bottles from the public water supply and to reduce the number of single use plastic bottles going to waste

[www.refill.ie](http://www.refill.ie)

- Install digital interactive screen at appropriate location to display visitor information e.g. public events, environmental awareness, tourist attractions
- The disabled parking spaces (5 no.) in the proposed Public Realm Improvement Scheme should be designed perpendicular to the flow of the traffic – observation of the current plan shows that all the street located disabled parking spaces are parallel to the flow of traffic which is a major health & safety issue.
- Developing cycling connections to connect Mohill town with the Lough Rynn Castle area and the Lough Rynn Caravan and Amenity Park and the International Rowing Centre located there.
- To incorporate the amenity value of the Rinn\_010 River into the success of this project in Mohill it is recommended that all sources of pollutants identified in the Rinn\_010 River by LAWPRO are investigated and eliminated and all this should form part of the Consultant's brief. Once the extent of the issues is investigated this work could be incorporated into the main civil Contract for appointment of the Contractor to this Mohill Public Realm Scheme.

**Query related to Area D Main Street (R201) and Chapel Lane (at St. Patrick's Church)**

- Steps are proposed to connect Chapel Lane and to the Main Street/Carrick on Shannon Road, and to allow ease of access of pedestrian access from Chapel Lane to the Canon Donohue Hall and childcare facilities on Eivers Lane. Further information on the category of steps proposed here related to restricted/limited mobility users

Please ensure that there is ongoing consultation with the Environment Department with regards to all project works especially where there is potential to impact negatively on the quality of any water bodies.

Signed by: M. Keenan

Date: 5/11/2020

## Mohill Public Realm Scheme Rinn\_010

The Rinn\_010 is part of the Lough Rinn Forbes Priority Area for Action (PAA) as selected during the 2<sup>nd</sup> River Basin Management Plan. The PAA was assigned to the Midlands and Eastern Region Local Authority Waters Programme (LAWPRO) team. It includes 6 river waterbodies and 2 lakes. The waterbodies are the Rinn\_010, Rinn\_020, Rinn\_030, Annaghcooleen\_010, Drumbad\_010 and the Shannon (Upper)\_080. The lakes include Lough Rinn and Lough Forbes. This PAA was chosen as the waterbodies are failing to meet the WFD objective of Good Status. The waterbody within which the rural rejuvenation project is proposed is the Rinn\_010. It is at poor ecological status. This waterbody flows into Lough Rinn, which recently declined to bad status. The EPA assigned a sole pressure to the Rinn\_010, which was Mohill WWTP. This WWTP has recently been upgraded and was fully commissioned in Qtr 4 2019. Following local catchment assessment LAWPRO identified a number of issues, which will require attention, these issues include the landfill, illegal dumping, storm water overflows (SWO's), agriculture and possible misconnections. These are subject to separate communications in the form of referrals to the Environment Section of Leitrim Co. Co., Irish Water and the Agricultural Sustainability and Support Programme advisors.



Figure 1: Rinn\_010 sub catchment area

## 1.1 Landfill

Ammonia and BOD were detected entering the Rinn\_010 from the vicinity of the Mohill landfill. Details of this will be sent to Leitrim County Council in the form of a referral. This will require further investigation by Leitrim Co. Co. to ensure that the landfill is not causing a risk to the water quality in the river.



Figure 2: Discharge from landfill



Figure 3: 2<sup>nd</sup> Discharge Broken Pipe



Figure 4: Landfill Discharge Box Culvert

## 1.2 Illegal Dumping

There is a significant issue with illegal dumping at the back of three housing estates running adjacent to the Mohill landfill. The housing estates include O'Carolan, Knocklongford and Greenfield. There is a wide variety of waste, which is posing a risk to the water quality in the river. Items are being washed downstream and may pose visual impact in the town. A referral will be made by LAWPRO to Leitrim Co. Co. for further action to address the illegal dumping.



Figure 5: Illegal dumping

## 1.3 Stormwater Overflows

LAWPRO identified 3 SWO's during our assessment of the upper Rinn\_010. These are a possible source of nutrients to the river, we are clarifying with Irish Water (IW) at present. These may result in a referral to IW. One overflow seemed to be linked to the pumping station at Greenfield housing estate.



Figure 6: SWO Greenfield Estate

Overflow under the bridge just upstream from Mohill library. No visible discharge at the time of assessment. High volumes of growth and a layer of scum on the surface of the waterbody downstream.



Figure 7: SWO upstream from Mohill town library

A storm water overflow at the back of the garden centre/adjacent to Mohill GAA, visible ragging in the waterbody, which may be as a result of misconnections linked to the SWO.



Figure 8: SWO at the rear of the garden centre and Mohill GAA

#### 1.4 Misconnections

In an urban setting misconnections are a potential pressure and need further investigation. LAWPRO identified one potential misconnection at the Mohill Health Centre. This was not active at the time of assessment. This will be detailed within a referral to Leitrim Co. Co. for further action.



*Figure 9: Chambers at rear of Mohill Health Care Centre*

### 1.5 Mart

A wastewater treatment system was identified at the Mart. The wastewater treatment system appears to be inactive. LAWPRO proposes that Leitrim Co. Co. investigate whether this is connected to the foul sewer or not, in order to determine whether this poses a risk to the water quality in the river.



*Figure 10: Wastewater treatments at the Mohill Mart*

### 1.6 Agriculture

Farmyard effluent was noted draining into the upper reaches of the Rinn\_010. It was sampled and provided evidence of an issue, this will be referred to our ASSAP programme.



Figure 11: Farmyard effluent within drain

## Conclusion

The Mohill river / Rinn\_010 is a prominent feature in the pretty village of Mohill, but it is clear that the river is of poor water quality with excess nutrients and excess growth which is exhibited in the summer. There is a complete absence of sensitive fish/species present in the river and it is used as a dumping ground by some communities.

The River is mostly hidden from communities as they run through backlands of the village, only becoming visible at bridges or where they coincide with open space. How people experience a river is therefore limited to a snapshot, for example, a bridge and a green space in a town. **They do not experience it as a corridor, and therefore all the complexities of river catchment management are not apparent.**

The village would gain a lot of tourist activity from Lough Rinn castle and holiday homes, caravan park and the amenities/ activities on the lake and a possible river walk would be great asset to the village. It is imperative that water quality is addressed as a fundamental aspect to enhancing and rejuvenation of the village and to encourage the ongoing development of water sports on the lake.

Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS) should be demonstrated in the graphics at public consultation stage as it can relate directly to the public experience and understanding of water management. It also increases biodiversity. Any opportunities to remove the hard infrastructure along the river and open is up is encouraged. Please see attached document that maybe of some benefit in this regard.

I am happy to expand on any of the above if you have any queries or need any clarification.

Please see below some references you may find useful:

- <http://www.dublincity.ie/main-menu-services-water-waste-and-environment-water-projects/sustainable-drainage-systems-suds-and>
- IFI guidance attached in email



- A training day on SUDS will be held on the 9<sup>th</sup> Nov 2020. If you go onto the IPI (Irish Planning Institute; <https://www.ipi.ie/>) website, you'll see it there – Nov 9<sup>th</sup> – you have to register there. A leaflet is currently being designed and will be forwarded to you once received.



**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 16:09  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Paul,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Regards,

Patricia

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**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 16:02  
**To:** Patricia Healy; Finbarr Keaney  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme part 8

Hi

Please see Part 8 sent to Planning Inbox.

Thanks

Pamela

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**From:** Paul Heaney [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 15:58  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme part 8

FAO:  
Senior Planner,  
Leitrim Couty Council  
Aras an Chontae  
Carrick on Shannon  
Co Leitrim

Dear Sir,

I would like to submit an objection to the current proposed plans for Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme part 8.

The removal of parking from the town centre as proposed would be disastrous for businesses in the town. As someone who lives in Mohill town the availability of street parking is what determines whether or not I stop at any of the businesses on Main Street. If there is no available parking, i just drive past. The parking lot on Glebe street is not a viable alternative as it is not convenient to the businesses and as such is already under utilised, as recognised by the Sheridan Woods Architects and Urban Planners themselves. Removing on street parking will also make it very hard for businesses to receive deliveries to their premises and create dangerous conditions for delivery drivers.

The changing of the one way street exit on to Main Street from a split lane to a single lane will cause tailback and traffic delays at peak times such as school drop off and pick up.

I would object strongly to both of these aspects of the proposed plan.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Heaney

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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 16:06  
**To:** Cllr Sean McGowan  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Cllr. McGowan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Regards,

Patricia

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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Bernard Greene  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 15:58  
**To:** Patricia Healy  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm  
**Attachments:** Mohill Car Park .pdf

Patricia,

Just in case this did not come through to you – he sent it through last night.

Kind regards,

**Bernard Greene,**  
Senior Planner

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**From:** Clr Sean McGowan  
**Sent:** Tuesday 10 November 2020 22:01  
**To:** planning <[planning@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:planning@leitrimcoco.ie)>  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm

A Chara,

Mohill was once the leading market town in the County, but with the change in shopping methods, with the arrival of out of town shopping centre's in nearby towns, Mohill has suffered as a result. I welcome the proposed Public Realm for the Town, I think it is a positive step in trying to reinvigorate the business's in Mohill and also trying to attract further investment in the town, be that in new retail shops / Restaurants etc. The wonderful Lough Rynn Castle is located a few miles outside the town as is the magnificent international Rowing centre located on Lough Rynn. There are some excellent hardworking committees doing their bit to give the town a lift.

See below a few observations in relation to the proposed Public Realm for Mohill Town, from talking to locals the biggest concern amongst the business owners and indeed some residents is the loss of parking. In particular loss of parking directly outside of business premises. This is always a difficult sell as people do like to pull up outside a premises to hop in and purchase something. The object any "Public Realm" is to get people to get out of their cars and use the town centre. That is not to say that there is not a serious compromise by business owners. This compromise has proven to be bit harder to sell when no alternative parking convenient to Main Street is included.

The area around Lower Main Street, Water Street the O'Carolan monument needs to be visited again, with the proposed reduction in the parking places along Lower Main Street, parking along the river on Water street should be left as it is, the wall along the river & the river bed needs to be looked at also, the proposed railing along a section of the wall in front of St Mary's Church is a good idea, and a survey should be carried out with regard to the condition of the boundary wall.

The next stages of the development of the town should be the opening up of the back lands, and I feel that we should be looking at securing some properties, so that the people of the town & surrounding areas see that we are serious about securing the future of the Town as an attractive place to shop and to visit.

See attached map with the areas highlighted in yellow & blue.

The most obvious area to develop is the south west quadrant from the centre cross-roads.



There are two main property owners -

(1) Morgan McHugh - the 'Usual Place'. This building is in poor repair and could likely do with been demolished entirely. The most valuable part of the property is the rear garden. This property is available for sale and would be in the region of €100k-120k. Gerry McLoughlin of Abbey Properties has the sale.

(2) Kerr's Shop - Kerr's house / shop is a fine building. The garden is significant as it is contiguous with the Butter Market. The property is not for sale.

Properties 1 and 2 are the most obvious solution to the parking anxieties. It would also help get people into the town-centre - park up and out of their cars.

Now is the time to secure these properties before the price starts to rise.

Property (3) is John Kelly's and it is also a hugely important part of the potential jigsaw. It provides an alternative access to Eivers Lane. This property is useful for a number of reasons

- a. Vehicular and pedestrian access from Hyde St to the Kerr / Usual Place car park and onwards for pedestrians to the butter market and Main St.
- b. Alternative access to the childcare centre (alleviating the poor sightlines at the junction on Upper Main St which is the sole entrance / egress to the centre presently).
- c. Opens up the back of McIntyre's for future development.

The other area that needs to be looked at is the underutilisation of the Glebe St car park. There are electric chargers also in this car park. I had a look at this area recently & there is the possibility of linking this car park up with lower Main St by opening up a pedestrian route via the alleyway that comes out between Val Fitzpatrick's and O'Malley's.

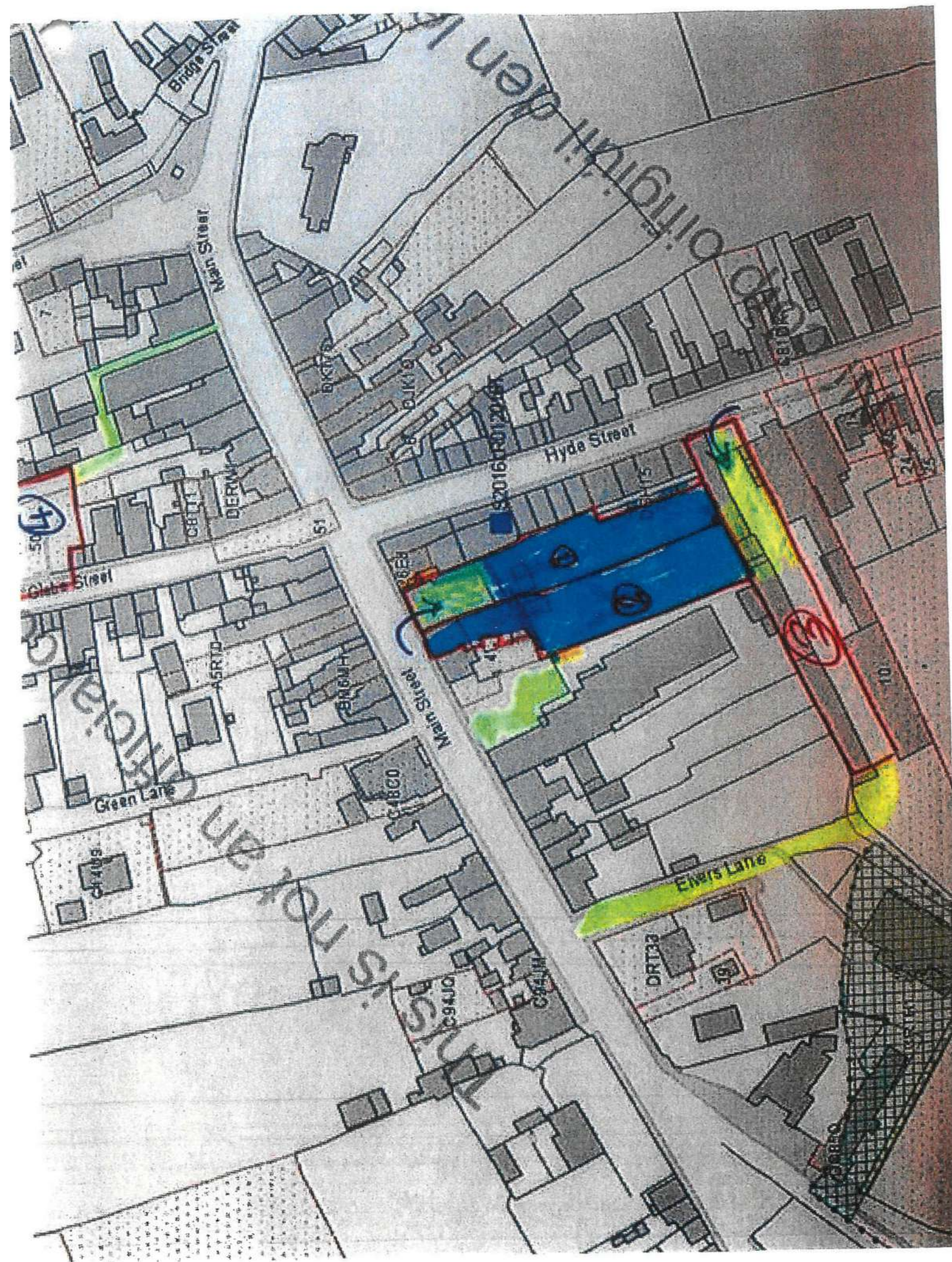
Kind Regards,

Cllr. Sean Mc Gowan

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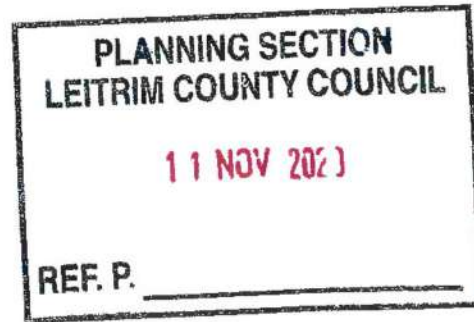




**An Roinn Turasóireachta, Cultúir,  
Ealaíon, Gaeltachta, Spóirt agus Meán**  
Department of Tourism, Culture,  
Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media

Planning Ref: Part 8 20-C-03  
(Please quote in all related correspondence)

11/11/20  
Director of Services – Planning  
Leitrim County Council  
Aras An Chontae  
Carrick-on-Shannon  
Co Leitrim



Via email [planning@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:planning@leitrimcoco.ie)

Re: Notification under Article 28 (Part 4) or Article 82 (Part 8) of the Planning and Development Regulations, 2001, as amended.

**Proposed Development: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme**

A chara

I refer to correspondence to the Department of Culture, Heritage and the Gaeltacht on 07/10/2020 received in connection with the above.

Outlined below are heritage-related observations/recommendations co-ordinated by the Development Applications Unit under the stated heading(s).

**Archaeology**

It is noted that the proposed development is located within the constraints for Recorded Monument LE032-067- House Site (LE032-032-067002- Bawn), LE032-068--- Church Site (LE032-068001- Religious House-Augustinian Canons, LE032-68002- Church, LE032-06803- Graveyard and LE032-068004- Tomb-Unclassified) which are subject to statutory protection in the Record of Monuments and Places, established under Section 12 of the National Monuments (Amendment) Act 1930-2004.

Given the location of the proposed development it is possible that archaeological features and remains associated with these Recorded Monuments could be impacted and damage. Therefore, it is our recommendation that a thorough Archaeological Assessment be carried out in order to assess the potential impact, if any, on archaeological remains in the area where development is proposed to take place.

Archaeological Impact Assessment should be compiled as follows:

**Aonad na nIarratas ar Fhorbairt**

*Development Applications Unit*

**Oifigí an Rialtais**

*Government Offices*

**Bóthar an Bhaile Nua, Loch Garman, Contae Loch Garman, Y35 AP90**

*Newtown Road, Wexford, County Wexford, Y35 AP90*





1. The applicant is required to engage the services of a suitably qualified archaeologist to carry out an archaeological assessment of the development site. No sub-surface work should be undertaken in the absence of the archaeologist without his/her express consent.
2. The archaeologist should carry out any relevant documentary research and inspect the site. Test trenches may be excavated at locations chosen by the archaeologist (licensed under the National Monuments Acts 1930-1994), having consulted the site drawings.
3. Having completed the work, the archaeologist should submit a written report to the Department. Where archaeological material/features are shown to be present, preservation in situ, preservation by record (excavation) or monitoring may be required.

The Department will forward a recommendation based on the Archaeological Assessment to the Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure the continued preservation (either in situ or by record) of places, caves, sites, features or other objects of archaeological interest.

You are requested to send further communications to the Development Applications Unit (DAU) at [manager.dau@chg.gov.ie](mailto:manager.dau@chg.gov.ie), or to the following address:

The Manager  
Development Applications Unit (DAU)  
Government Offices  
Newtown Road  
Wexford  
Y35 AP90

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Connor Rooney  
Development Applications Unit





Patricia Healy

**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 15:00  
**To:** Patricia Healy; Finbarr Keaney  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill public Realm improvement scheme Part 8

Hi

Please see Part 8 Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Regards

Pamela

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**From:** huggy [mailto:huggy@live.ie]  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 14:59  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill public Realm improvement scheme Part 8



Sent from my Galaxy

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**From:** Aisling Logan [redacted] >  
**Date:** 11/11/2020 13:40 (GMT+00:00)  
**To:** [redacted]  
**Subject:** Mohill public Realm improvement scheme Part 8

FAO: Senior Planner,  
Leitrim County Council,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Carrick on Shannon  
County Leitrim

Dear Sir,

In the course of conducting my business today three further issues became apparent and I wish to add them to my submission regarding the Mohill public Realm improvement scheme Part 8.

My business is situated on Lower Main Street Mohill. Many of my customers are elderly people with mobility issues and disabled people. The vast majority of these customers conduct their business with me, and with the other businesses they frequent in the town, on a "Call and collect" basis. That is, they will telephone in an order and then pull up outside the front door of the premises where they can be seen by staff and their parcel is brought out to them. They conduct their business in this way for a number of reasons. It is very difficult and indeed at times dangerous to manoeuvre out of a vehicle and to access a mobility aid such as a wheelchair/zimmerframe/walking stick on the Main Street of the town where there is busy traffic. There is also the convenience factor for older people that they do not have to leave their vehicles. Additionally this kind of business has only become more pronounced during the current global Covid19 Pandemic. Many of these customers are in the vulnerable group and are advised as a matter of public health to avoid entering

into shops. This method of shopping provides them with a safe and reliable alternative. To facilitate this kind of business all businesses in the town must have parking access directly outside of their premises. If this cohort of customers do not have this access they will simply shop elsewhere. This leads me on to an issue regarding the current location of the Disabled car parking space on Lower Main Street. Its current location is not outside any operating business and therefore it is not providing true accessibility. It would be more logical for this space to be located at as the last space on the line of parking on the upper half of Lower Main Street in close proximity to the pharmacy, a business which many of the elderly and disabled customers in the town must visit in person. This also prevents the line of parking from being broken which creates more space for parking on the Main Street. And as the last space it would be easier to enter and exit and provide more visibility and manoeuvrability.

The final issue that became obvious to me today was during a stock delivery. If the parking is removed from Main Street as proposed you remove safe access for couriers and delivery drivers. Many of these deliveries are in large vans, and indeed on lorries for some business such as the public houses. Removal of this parking means that delivery drivers will either have to cross a busy street with large volumes of goods which is very dangerous. Or, more likely, will double park on the road blocking traffic, or ramp the newly refurbished footpaths blocking pedestrian access and potentially damaging the streetscape.

These are practical operational matters that I as a business person in Mohill town have identified as key factors in the viability of my business. These issues will be encountered on a daily basis if the plans go ahead in their current form and would quite frankly have a disastrous effect on businesses within the town.

I am heartened by the proposal for investment and improvement in our town. However, I have serious concerns that the current plans are not suited to our town and instead of revitalising it as planned could have the very opposite effect and result in a sharp and devastating decline in business in the town centre which frankly many of the businesses could not withstand.

I hope that you will factor the above points into your considerations and understand that they come from the perspective of a business person within the town who only ~~wants the town to thrive~~.

Yours sincerely,

Hugh Logan  
Logan's Butchers  
Lower Main Street,  
Mohill,  
County Leitrim

**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 14:49  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Séadhna,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission on behalf of Peter Logan in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Regards,

Patricia

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Senior Planner,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co Leitrim

Dear Sirs,

**Objection To: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.**

While I welcome the idea of potential funding opportunities, capital investment and much needed works in Mohill town by Leitrim County Council, I have grave concerns with aspects of this plan. Therefore I wish to raise objections to the proposals for Mohill Town centre as currently proposed and displayed.

My primary concern with the project as envisaged is the detrimental impact the proposed removal of car parking spaces will have on the residential and commercial future of the town. As a property owner in the town, I believe any loss of parking in the town, without a viable alternative will severely impact the vitality and viability of business on the Main Street. In the interests of good retail and accessibility, the existing parking provision in the town should be maintained.

Furthermore I would have serious concerns about the consequences of the exit on Castle Street, which opens out on to Main Street becoming a pinch point for traffic. With the road being narrowed and turned into a singular lane, the potential for traffic build up at peak times is substantially increased. Backed up traffic and severely reduced parking on Main Street will be a disaster for the town. Also reducing the car parking capacity at the Buttermarket on Main Street would be a terrible plan for the many commercial premises that benefit from it.

Regards,

Peter Logan,  
Corner House,  
Mohill

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**Jacqui Colreavy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 14:46  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Fiona,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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# SUBMISSION ON MOHILL PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT SCHEME - PART 8

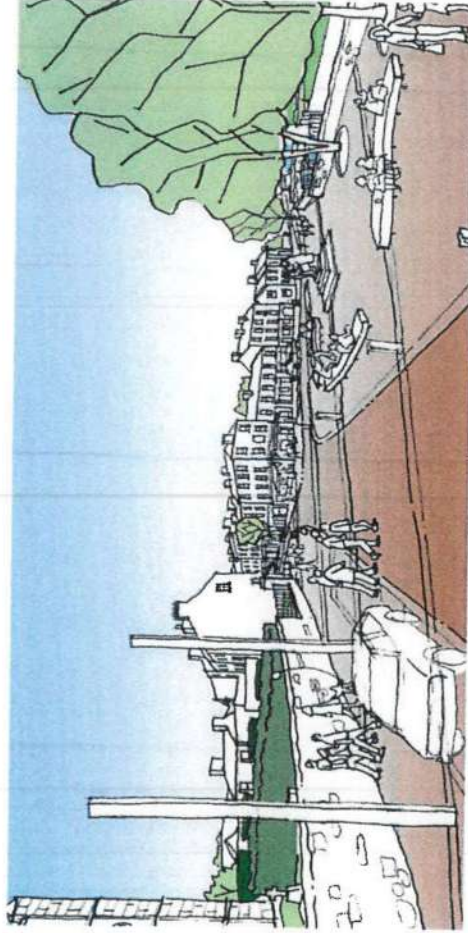
By Fiona Slevin

In consultation with Mohill Historical Society

To Senior Planner, Leitrim County Council

November 2020

For information and clarification on this submission, please contact  
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# INTRODUCTION

## IMPROVING THE PART 8 PLAN FOR A MORE SUSTAINABLE LONG-TERM REGENERATION STRATEGY

**WHEN YOU'RE IN DANGER OF LOSING A THING IT BECOMES PRECIOUS AND WHEN IT'S AROUND US, IT'S IN TEDIOUS ABUNDANCE AND WE TAKE IT FOR GRANTED'**

**JOHN MCGAHERN**

**WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE PAST TO MAKE SENSE OF THE PRESENT; WE NEED TO ACT IN THE PRESENT TO SHAPE OUR FUTURE**

### ABOUT THIS SUBMISSION

The Public Realm Improvement Scheme is a positive development for the town. We welcome all efforts to improve attractiveness, enterprise, access and community engagement – including many of the ideas in the proposed plan. However, we believe that the proposed plan is a missed opportunity to honour our past, take pride in our present, and demonstrate belief in our future.

This submission is grounded in the knowledge of Mohill's history and resilience through more than 15 centuries. At various times, Mohill has been deprived or thrived, but through it all, it survived. This submission, and the observations and recommendations contained in it, are driven by the need to ensure our town's continued survival.

### Mohill's history is Ireland's history

Mohill's story starts with the establishment of a monastery c500 by St Manchán, a major figure of monastic Ireland\*. The first major settlement by Conmaicne Réin lasted nearly 1,000 years until the 1600s. This unbroken experience of Gaelic life differentiated Mohill from the many parts of Ireland that experienced Viking invasion and Norman occupation. The Gaelic lordships disappeared with the Plantation of Leitrim in 1620, but their influences can be seen on today's geography, society and culture: parish boundaries, family names and even discernible differences in accent, remarkably reflect old clann borders that should have disappeared 400 years ago. In the modern era, Mohill's experience of the Famine and landlordism under Lord Leitrim was an extreme example of Ireland's rural history in the 19<sup>th</sup> century, including depopulation, emigration, post-Famine recovery, and – in the 20<sup>th</sup> century – economic decline.

\* *Note: Arguably Mohill's history goes even further, as remnants of life from the Bronze Age (2,000-3,000BC), are visible in the area, particularly around Gortletteragh and Lough Rynn.*

### ABOUT MOHILL HISTORICAL SOCIETY

This submission has been prepared by Fiona Slevin in consultation with members of Mohill Historical Society (MHS). The Society has ~50 members and is active in holding events and promoting the history of the town. Over the past number of years, it has been instrumental in erecting signs and information billboards in the town.

Mohill has produced a number of historians who have written acclaimed books and articles on Leitrim and Mohill. Recent publications include Dr Patrick McGarty's absorbing and comprehensive 'Leitrim, Irish Revolution 1912-23', and Fiona Slevin's 'By Hereditary Virtues: a history of Lough Rynn – called 'the classic local history' by Prof M.L. O'Rourke, TCD.

John McGahern's 'That They May Face the Rising Sun' is a masterful meditation and quiet celebration of the routines and beliefs and interactions that make us who we are.

### BUILDING HISTORY INTO THE PLAN

#### Observations and recommendations for the Part 8 plan

Given the timeframe and scope for submissions, this paper focuses on recommendations that can be implemented within the current Part 8 proposal. It also outlines our broader concerns, aspirations and opportunities for our town, including:

1. Why the plan needs to reflect Mohill's long, rich, unique history and character;
2. Concerns and recommendations that can be addressed in the immediate term and incorporated into the plan;
3. An outline of the longer-term opportunities we see for our town, particularly around optimising our heritage.

#### Context of our submission

This submission represents thinking in relation to this Part 8 proposal only. We understand that this Public Realm Improvement scheme is part of a longer-term strategy to regenerate and develop the town and county.

MHS is working towards developing a strong strategic, coherent vision for the town that reflects its rich heritage, and expresses our ambition and belief in the town's future. We intend to complete this long-term strategy over the coming months, in readiness for future projects and funding opportunities.



# SUMMARY OBSERVATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

## BUILD ON MOHILL'S LONG HISTORY AND DEEP-ROOTED SENSE OF PLACE



### KEY POINTS AND OBSERVATIONS

#### Need a vision that reflects Mohill's history and potential

The proposed plan sets an unambitious vision that does not reflect the history and potential of Mohill. Neither does it deliver on its stated aspiration of connecting the town to its people, heritage and culture.

Mohill has lived, survived and thrived longer than any other community in south Leitrim. To sit at the O'Carolan monument is to be surrounded by 15 centuries of history. We need to build on that.

#### Build on Mohill's heritage and deep-rooted sense of place

While we welcome the acknowledgement of Mohill's 'strong sense of place', there is not a single historical reference in the proposed plan. The design proffers a bland, standard template that does not differentiate the town from any other town in Ireland, or respect its unique and rich history.

#### Risk of eroding Mohill's heritage through prettification

There has been no attempt to signal or use the 'numerous historic structures' and 'rich architectural heritage' to differentiate the design and optimise our acknowledged 'distinctive urban character'. This is regrettable. At worst, the current design will serve to erode Mohill's unique heritage, character and deep-rooted sense of place.

#### Take short-term actions that will deliver for the long-term

The plan makes no reference to long-term, sustainable development for the town. The focus appears to be on superficial (albeit welcome) improvements that may make Mohill prettier and more accessible. But prettification is not regeneration, and these efforts alone will not deliver the sustainable 'urban experience' the plan aspires to.

The plan does not adequately build on Mohill's current 'Smart Green' strategy, e.g. through use of sustainable, local materials, or in the longer term by developing the area's natural attributes of boglands and historical trails.

### RECOMMENDATIONS AND REQUESTS

Mohill deserves more. Mohill's history is Ireland's history. We need a plan that respects and reflects that.

#### Short-term recommendations

Interventions that we believe can be done within the plan, budget and timeframe are detailed on the following pages are:

1. Signpost the 15 centuries of Irish history visible within the town, starting with Area A, the O'Carolan statue area.
2. Use the town's history to increase opportunities for congregation, conversation and perambulation. This could be achieved through a *Step Through History* heritage pavement (see ps.3-4).
3. Give careful consideration to the materials used (p.5).
4. Optimise the built and natural environment in considering greenways and heritage trails (p.6)
5. Address specific concerns in the plan, e.g. protection of St Mary's Church wall; use of historically irrelevant installations; and access/parking plans, particularly given the demographic within the town (p.7).

#### Long-term strategy and development

Given that this Public Realm Improvement plan is part of a longer term strategy to regenerate and develop the town and county, we outline a potential vision for the town that would deliver differentiated, rooted, and sustainable development for the town (p.8).



# STEP THROUGH HISTORY HERITAGE PAVEMENT

## DIFFERENTIATE MOHILL, AND RESPECT AND OPTIMISE ITS UNIQUE HISTORY, HERITAGE AND CHARACTER

### WHAT THE PLAN SAYS

A sense of place is key to a town's character and development. This is acknowledged by the proposed plan which states:

*'The combination of architectural style, building alignments, position of landmark buildings and topography, together with notable views into and through the town center creates a distinctive urban character and strong sense of place.'*

The plan also acknowledges key milestones and elements of the history of the town in an outline of the long rich history of the town (pg 8). It also notes the quality of the architecture and built environment and that 'Mohill benefits from a high-quality townscape'.

#### **The 'principal urban space' in Mohill**

*The space between the O'Carolan statue and St. Mary's Church is the principal urban space in Mohill. The town originated in this location, between St. Manchan's monastery grounds and the Castle. It has a long history as the marketplace reflecting its importance as a meeting place for the people of Mohill.*

*It is a natural space for visitors and tourist to stop and find out about the town and places to visit. It is also an ideal space for events.*

*It is proposed to create a pedestrian space adjoining the river and around the O'Carolan statue, and wider footpaths to the south along the St. Mary's Church wall, and to the west adjoining the existing premises facing the space.*

### ISSUES AND CONCERNS

#### **Historical references omitted from the proposed plan**

While the acknowledgement of the 'strong sense of place' is welcome, there is not a single historical reference in the proposed design. There appears to be no attempt to signal or use the 'numerous historic structures' and 'rich architectural heritage' to differentiate the design and optimise the town's acknowledged 'distinctive urban character'.

#### **Disregard for heritage risks eroding Mohill's sense of place**

There is a lamentable failure to differentiate Mohill and respect and optimise its unique history, heritage and character.

The plan includes a good general summary of the town's history. It then devotes a full page to Lewis' Topographical Dictionary of 1837, showing a skewed perception of the events and developments that informed the development and character of the town.

This disconnect from the important milestones in the town's development helps explain the disregard for the town's history, and will only serve to erode Mohill's proud heritage and strong sense of place.

#### **Need to differentiate Mohill and optimise its unique history**

In the short-term, simple and low-cost additions to the design are needed to differentiate Mohill and respect and optimise its unique history, heritage and character.

These would also address some of our concerns about the bland, historically irrelevant design elements of the proposed plan. They would also set a base from which the town can build, develop and regenerate.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### **Signpost the 15 centuries of visible history**

To sit at the O'Carolan statue is to have a 360 degree experience of 15 centuries of Irish history that is unparalleled across Ireland. Any redesign of this area has an obligation to reference the visible heritage, even if it is through simple signposts, paving stones or insets.

#### **Step Through History: a heritage pavement**

Our strong recommendation is that a heritage pavement be built throughout the town that would enable people to *Step Through History*. Inscribed stones/plates, set into the footpath, would describe key structures, people and events in history.

While of value in itself in reinforcing the town's sense of place, this paving would also provide short walking trails, and would encourage congregation, conversation and perambulation.

The heritage pavement could, if needed, be done in stages, and we would recommend starting with Area A, the O'Carolan statue area. An illustration of how this might work is set out overleaf, with potential markers including some or all of the 32 significant historical people and events listed in the Appendix (ps.9-10)

#### **Set a new standard for heritage that others can follow**

The heritage pavement would be a low-cost and easy way to adapt the current design. Ideally, even in this iteration, the Council would show imagination and ambition for Mohill by commissioning an artist to design a solution that would set a new standard for heritage engagement that other towns would look to as a template.

#### **A cost to not doing this**

Should there be concerns over the ability to incorporate the heritage pavement into the current plan, we believe that the historically irrelevant proposed totems and living wall could be sacrificed to build this more important installation. Moreover, we believe that the cost of *not* doing this far exceeds any cost of doing it.





# STEP THROUGH HISTORY HERITAGE PAVEMENT

## AN UNPARALLELED 360 EXPERIENCE OF 15 CENTURIES OF IRISH HISTORY

A heritage pavement throughout the town would enable people to *Step Through History*. Inscribed stones/plates, set into the footpath, would describe key structures, people and events in history. These might be stone, brass or a mix of paving insets and wall plaques.

The heritage pavement could, if needed, be done in stages, and we recommend starting with Area A, the O'Carolan statue area. A range of significant structures, people and events are observable from the O'Carolan statue, and there are clearly many other historical elements of note in the town, including the Workhouse, Bully's Acre, Fever Hospital, station house, Northern Bank building, churches, Canon Donohue Hall, Barracks, Schools, etc.

*Note, examples here are for illustration only. A comprehensive map of a 32-step heritage pavement within Area A is outlined in the Appendix on ps.9-10.*



Ideally, a QR code on each inscription would link, via a smartphone, to more detailed information and a full guided walking trail. (A smartphone heritage trail is being developed.)





# MATERIAL SELECTION

## MEET RIAI GUIDELINES ON ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY; FIT WITH MOHILL'S 'SMART GREEN' STRATEGY

### WHAT THE PLAN SAYS

*The proposed materials are informed by the materials evident in the town. Mohill includes numerous locations where natural stone is used. The structures on Main Street include a combination of yellow / brown sandstone, limestone ashlar, and quoin stones.*

*It is proposed to utilise durable materials, using local stone where possible. The choice of materials can contribute to a project's sustainability and be a strong element of its identity. Choosing a local stone can, if available economically, be an obvious starting point, however, several types of surface will generally be required, including asphalted carriage- ways for vehicles. The extent and nature of the finishes will need to be carefully balanced against budgetary limits and will be refined at detailed design stage.*

### ISSUES AND CONCERNS

1. Some of the stone illustrated for paving and bollards on page 23 of the plan is inappropriate.
2. Any imported stone is inappropriate, and neither meets the RIAI's guidelines on environmental sustainability\* nor Mohill's 'Smart Green' strategy.
3. We should learn from other towns who traded off implementation over appropriate materials. The RIAI's Town and Village Toolkit\* uses Tubbercurry as a case study. It is salutary that they say: 'We would have used different materials in some areas if budget had allowed'.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Use appropriate – and local – materials

Careful consideration should be given to the use of materials used to pave and mark out the town. All materials should:

1. Fit with existing structures and traditional material use;
2. Demonstrate Mohill's 'smart green' environmental strategy;
3. Be the best available within reason; budgetary limits should not be used to impose inappropriate and unsuitable materials;
4. Use local stone if possible.

#### A history of local quarrying and stonework

Mohill and its hinterland has a long history of quarrying. This is somewhat referenced in the plan, but not acted on. It is believed that the old fever hospital in Mohill was built from stone quarried nearby, where a supermarket (Stenson's) now stands. There was also a big quarry in Tullyoran – largely limestone – which, it is believed, was used to build many of the structures on the Lough Rynn estate.

See also [www.buildingsofireland.ie](http://www.buildingsofireland.ie) for further details on local stone buildings and quarries.

\* [https://www.riai.ie/uploads/files/general-files/RIAI\\_TownandVillageToolkit.pdf](https://www.riai.ie/uploads/files/general-files/RIAI_TownandVillageToolkit.pdf)



# HISTORICAL AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

## BUILD GREENWAYS AROUND EXISTING HISTORICAL TRAILS

### NATURAL AND HISTORICAL TRAILS FOR COUNTY-WIDE DEVELOPMENT

There is only a single mention of an opportunity to create potential pedestrian/cycle routes along the former railway (Greenway) and the river (Blueway).

This is a huge missed opportunity to reference the area's heritage in considering greenways and blueways.

While re-purposing the old railway line would be a wonderful development, consideration should be given to options that would be specific to Mohill and differentiate the town.

A number of options are listed opposite. All have the added benefit of providing connections across the communities of South Leitrim (and Ireland), delivering a broader attraction and experience for the region.

### POTENTIAL GREENWAYS AND DISCOVERY EXPERIENCES

#### Monastic Mohill

Saint Manchán established monasteries across Ireland, and there is opportunity to link these into a pilgrimage path. Ideally, the Shrine of Manchán of Maothail, one of Ireland's mediaeval treasures, would be reinstated.

#### Slí Connaicne

A Slí Connaicne – following the path of the original Gaelic settlers – can be traced from the Tuath de Dannan on Slabh an Iarann, to Carrick-on-Shannon, and could link up with Connemara in Galway.

#### 1798 Rebellion march

The final march of the 1798 Rebellion tracks through Dromahair, Fenagh, Mohill, Cloone and Keeldra. The English forces were commanded from Mohill by Cornwallis, whose 20-35,000 troops defeated the vastly outnumbered Irish and French rebels in a short, bloody battle at Ballinamuck.

#### Dark History trail of the first pandemic

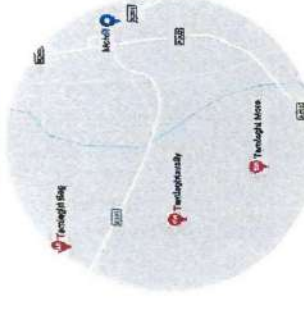
Mohill was the first place in Ireland (and Britain) to record the Justinian Plague, one of the deadliest pandemics in history, killing 25-100m people. Mohill's experience is evidenced by the names of three townlands: Tamlaght More, Tamlaght Beg, and Tamlaghtavally, providing a neat 'dark history' trail that could educate about pandemics in general.

#### Narrow-gauge railway line

The Cavan & Leitrim railway, first proposed in 1872, ran from Dromod to Belturbet. The first train from Mohill town ran in 1887, a 'pig special' from Mohill to Dromod & Belturbet. The old line is visible, as is the station house, goods yard and crossing-keeper's cottage.

#### Natural greenways

The area around Mohill has an abundance of country roads and lanes that encompass four designated Natural Heritage Areas, providing a range of circular walking/cycling trails with important topography and natural habitats. The network of boglands, lakes and drumlins in the area provides an unrivalled landscape that could offer a unique ecological discovery experience.





# OTHER SHORT-TERM CONSIDERATIONS

## UPGRADE MOHILL TO TIER-2

There is a sound argument for upgrading Mohill to Tier-2 status, as opposed to being a 'support town' to Carrick-on-Shannon:

- Mohill is South Leitrim's oldest recorded community, and its ecclesiastical capital since the 500s.
- Mohill has a well-defined history back to at least 500 (Carrick-on-Shannon dates to the 1600s).
- Mohill has always had an extended hinterland, reinforced as one of four Baronies in the county, serving communities from Annaduff to Eslin, Fenagh, Cloone and Carrigallen.
- Mohill has long been a viable economic centre, thriving especially in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

## OPTIMISE THE BUILT AND NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

### Library as focal point

Consideration should be made to making the Library the focal point for heritage engagement and activity, including drawing on the experience of Longford Co Libraries. Through engagement with the Heritage Officer, Granard Library has been successful in engaging young people in local history and building interactive experiences.

### St Mary's preservation

It is understood that St Mary's wall is a protected structure. The ancient arch, visible within the wall, needs to be preserved. Also, there may be old graves by the wall which cannot be disturbed during the work. The design of the railings needs to be in keeping with the ancient stones and building.

### 'Anchor' buildings

The proposal espouses a 'People First Approach' and the need to facilitate walking to and from 'anchor' buildings in the town. These are listed as Canon Donohue Hall/Childcare Centre, Churches, Community College, GAA pitch, Mart, and Schools. The plan must include – and highlight – the library, which is constructed on the site of the ancient monastery and settlement. There are also other formal and informal meeting points that should be referenced.

### Backlands

We support the proposal on use of backlands, i.e. to: *create opportunities for additional open space, car parking areas, improved traffic movement in and through the town. In the long term the backlands have the potential to facilitate new housing areas, and employment and business opportunities to create an integrated and sustainable town centre.*

### Draw on research

The proposed plan needs to reference the recent (currently draft) Queen's University report on Mohill, done as part of Masters Degree research on town planning.

## IMPROVE ACCESSIBILITY AND GROWTH

Mohill, like many small towns in Ireland, is suffering a long drawn-out decline and in urgent need of attention\*. Some general ideas for small-town regeneration could be applied.

### Adapt buildings to provide spaces and increase commerce

- Adapt unused buildings in the town to provide public meeting and event spaces. Some architecturally significant buildings are empty and some are in danger of dilapidation. The old Northern Ireland Bank on Main St, and the 1750 Castle house would both make an ideal heritage centre and extension to the library.
- Move the local enterprise centre into the town. Empty shops could be adapted for digital and craft businesses while providing more footfall and commerce in the town.
- Eliminate rates for businesses in the town centre.
- Initiate schemes that encourage visits to the town, e.g. a voucher system that could be spent in local eateries.

### Improve digital and physical access to the town

- Attract business and new residents by accelerating broadband and other incentives that will enable people to work from home.
- Build designated pedestrian and cycle paths alongside the main roads into the town. Much of the commerce in the town is done by people driving in from its large hinterland. The plan does not give adequate recognition to the inaccessibility of roads into Mohill: narrow roads and lack of verges or pathways, make cycling and walking too dangerous.
- Provide a free bus service on two or three days a week from designated pickup points to the town to encourage people to shop local, reduce car use and connect with their community.

For other ideas, see DRCD Town Centre Living Initiative report\*\*.

\* Report by the Society of Chartered Surveyors Ireland (SCSI) 2018

\*\* The Town Centre Living Initiative Six Pilot Towns: Synthesis Report, May 2020, Commissioned by the Department of Rural and Community Development





# A LONG-TERM VISION FOR HISTORICAL MOHILL

## FOCUSING ON A STRATEGIC THEME OR ATTRIBUTE

### WHAT THE PLAN SAYS

*The Mohill – Urban Framework for Living is a long-term vision for the future development of Mohill. It aims to integrate urban design with other local initiatives.*

*The vision for Mohill is to create a welcoming, accessible, and prosperous town connected to its people, heritage, culture, and businesses.*

*The objective is to provide the residents, businesses, and visitors of Mohill with a vibrant urban experience by promoting a people first approach that connects all to everything the town has to offer.*

### SETTING A VISION

We recognise the need to focus on a strategic theme or single attribute for the town, noting that towns that regenerate tend to have a strong, clear brand and focus on a single theme.

E.g. Granard's 12<sup>th</sup> century Motte, and Fethard's walled town.

Mohill's challenge lies in selecting a strategic theme out of an abundantly rich seam of historical references and attributes. Some of these are described below.

Over the next months, the Society will devote time to identifying the best long-term vision for Mohill, in readiness for future phases of the development plan and other funding opportunities.

## A RICH SEAM OF HISTORY AND HERITAGE

### Monastic and Mediaeval Mohill

The town has a credible claim to build on attributes associated with Monastic Mohill and Mediaeval Mohill. Mohill was the medieval capital of South Leitrim (Conmaicne), and politically powerful. St Manchán was a significant figure and Mohill is arguably the rightful place for his Shrine and reliquary. A replica could provide a focal point.

### Mohill: a Centre for Gaelic Ireland

Mohill was one of the only places in Ireland to move from the Gaelic clann way of life to Plantation, with pre-1600 influences still discernible in boundaries, family names and even accents – thus positioning it to be a Centre for Gaelic Ireland.

### Mohill's modern history

Mohill's history mirrors that of many other small towns across Ireland. However, the common narrative of Irish history frequently omits the story of townspeople (vs landholders and farmers), women in society and the Protestant experience. Mohill provides a real opportunity to tell these stories.

### Literary Mohill: John McGahern

Mohill also has a strong literary heritage and has a rightful claim to John McGahern. Options range from renaming streets, to a McGahern Summer School (and connecting with Séamus Heaney Centre to establishing a National Museum of Books).

### Heritage Tourism and Eco-Tourism

There is huge scope to further the town's Smart Green strategy and build both Heritage Tourism and Eco-Tourism. Consideration should be given to developing greenways and blueways that have links to history or to Natural Heritage Areas. Some ideas for these are outlined on p.6.

### Living Through History

There is an opportunity for Mohill to lead a new way of reflecting its heritage, not by selecting a single structure, event or person, but rather by focusing on its very character and deep-rooted sense of place – its very survival through 15 centuries of history.

A theme of *Living Through History* would allow a focus on the past, telling the story of how the town lived through the centuries. It would also present an opportunity for Mohill to become a centre for learning, opening and leading conversations on how history informs our present and can be used to help shape our future.



## APPENDIX

# MOHILL: LIVING THROUGH HISTORY

## 15 CENTURIES OF HISTORY IN THE MARKET SQUARE

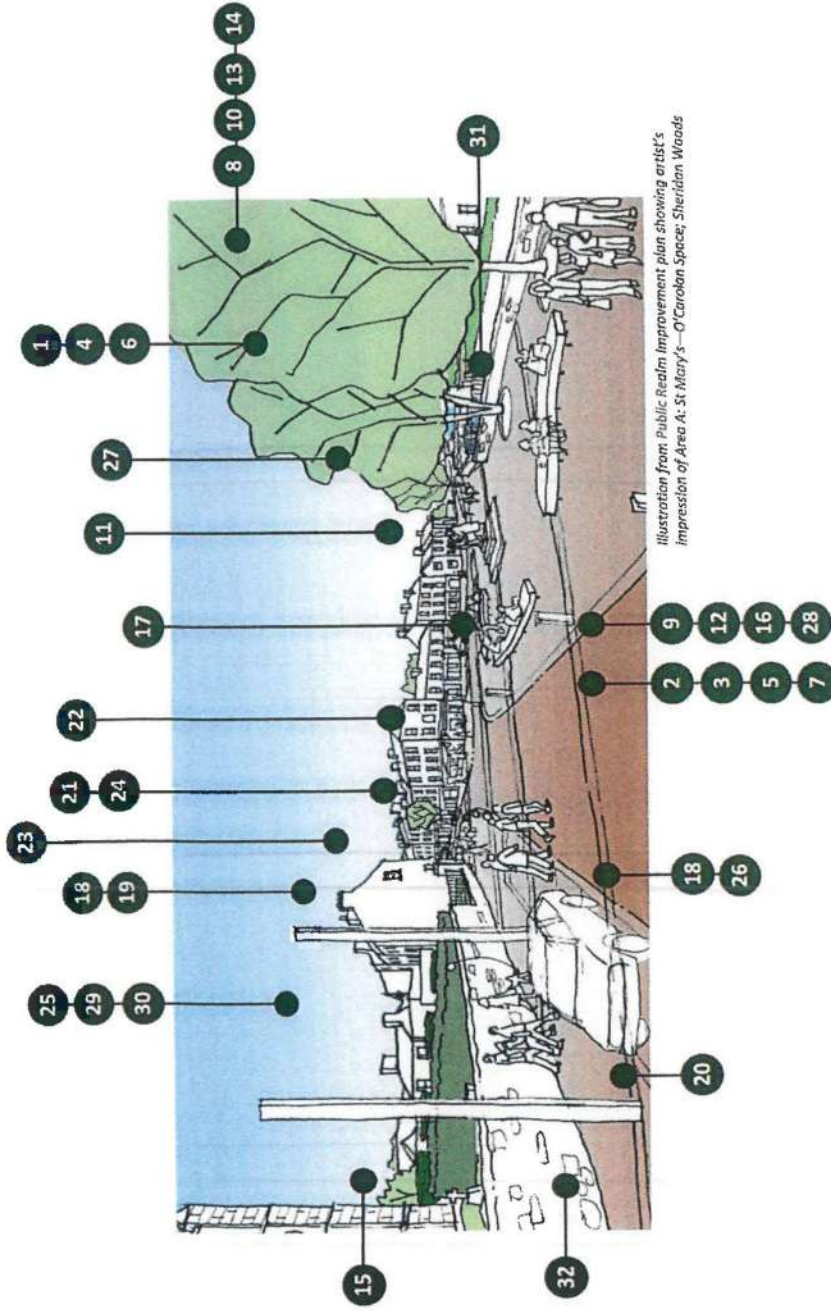


Illustration from: Public Realm Improvement plan showing artist's impression of Area A: St Mary's - O'Carolan Space; Sheridan Woods

1. ~500: Monastery of Manchán of Mohill established; markets in the square for 15 centuries
2. ~500: Connaicne Réin clans settle and rule for 1,000 years
3. 535-6: Mohill is first to record the Justinian Plague, one of the deadliest pandemics in history.
4. 1216: Monastery becomes St Mary's Priory
5. 1405: world's first written reference to whiskey
6. 1430: Brian, the son of Tiernan Óg O'Rourke, is slain at Mohill
7. 1590: Priory is suppressed by 'an immense army' of English forces who quell local chieftains and steal 1,000 cattle
8. 1620: Plantation of Leitrim: Henry Crofton acquires Mohill lands.
9. 1643: Eoghan Roe O'Neill trains his army in Mohill to fight the plantations, but the Gaelic way of life is finished
10. 1673: Henry Crofton of Mohill is one of two men in Leitrim licensed to carry arms
11. 1720: Turrough O'Carolan marries Mary in Mohill; (statue 1986)
12. 1749: Nathaniel Clements buys ~10,000 acres in the Mohill area,
13. 1750: The Castle is built for the Croftons
14. 1798 Rebellion: General Cornwallis commands the English forces from Mohill
15. 1815: St Mary's church is built on the site of the old priory
16. 1822: Famine causes hardship and loss.
17. 1837: Mohill market is 'well supplied with grain and provisions of every kind'
18. 1844: First Mohill Agricultural Show held.
19. 1847: Famine decimates the population and prices increase in at Mohill market. Anthony Trollope writes about the town
20. 1853: Court bans Sunday opening of shops to curb lawlessness.
21. 1856: Shops on Main Street are 'well-stocked' and 'thriving'
22. 1860: American Bar built, part of a post-Famine boom in Mohill
23. 1860: James Murphy shoots at Lord Leitrim in Main Street
24. 1870: In 14 years, businesses triple and the population drops 13%
25. 1878: Lord Leitrim is assassinated; the Orange Lodge in Mohill mourns his passing
26. 1887: First train through Mohill on a track behind the Courthouse
27. 1893: Hunt Memorial Parochial Hall built
28. 1916: Thirty-five Mohill men enlist to fight in the Great War
29. 1917: Sinn Féin holds large public meetings in Mohill; in November, Éamon de Valera and Harry Boland speak
30. 1920: Black and Tans drafted into Mohill to suppress IRA activity
31. 1923: Dr Paddy Muldoon murdered near the bridge
32. 1934: 3,000 people attend an anti-jazz rally in Mohill

**Note:** Only structures and events visible from the Market Square are shown. There are many other historical elements of note in the town, including the Workhouse, Bully's Acre, Fever Hospital, station house, Northern Bank building, churches, Canon Donohue Hall, Barracks, Schools, etc. The Plantations and Famine had a huge impact on the development of the town and its hinterland. A broader history would include people like Charles Reynolds, a Catholic Martyr of the 1535 Rebellion, Dr Arthur Hyde, Rev JG Digges. It would also tell the story of the GAA (1889) and the town's longstanding, central role in the county's economy as well as its strong literary heritage, including John McGahern.



## MOHILL: LIVING THROUGH HISTORY

## 15 CENTURIES OF HISTORY IN THE MARKET SQUARE

1. ~500: Manchán of Mohill (St Manchán AD 464–538) establishes Mohill monastery and gives his name to Mohill (Maohail-Manachán). Only part of a round tower remains. The 'Shrine of Manchán of Mohill' is one of Ireland's mediaeval treasures and is held at Boher, Co Offaly. An annual fair was held on Manchán's feast day, 25 February, up to the 1970s. In the 1800s, Mohill market was held 15 times a year, and advertised widely in national newspapers.
2. ~500: Conmaíne Réin clans (Muintir Eolais (MacRaghnaill), Muintir Cearbhalláin (O'Mulvey), and Cinel Luacháin (Darcy)) settle and establish a Gaelic way of life that lasts 1,000 years.
3. 535-6: Following extreme weather and the death of Manchán, Mohill is first in Ireland to record the Justinian Plague, evidenced by the names of three townlands: Tamlaight More, Tamlaight Beg, and Tamlaightavally. It was one of the deadliest pandemics in history, killing 25-100m people.
4. 1216: the monastery becomes a religious house for Augustinians; it is renamed St Mary's Priory and becomes a centre for the Diocese of Ardagh
5. 1405: Risdard Mag Ragnail, potential chieftain of the Muintir Eolais, dies after drinking 'water of life' to excess – the world's first written reference to whiskey.
6. 1430: Brian, the son of Tiernan Óg O'Rourke, is slain by the sons of Melaghlin Mac Rannall at Mohill; the priory provided refuge for Donough Mac Tiernan.
7. 1590: A result of Henry VIII's dissolution of the monasteries, the priory is suppressed by 'an immense army' of English force. They attack the forces of O'Rourke and MacRaghnaill, and steal 1,000 cattle.
8. 1620: manor of Mohill created. Henry Crofton acquired lands in and around Mohill between 1612-21, including the old monastic/priory land and lands granted in the Plantation of Leitrim. He acquired 700 acres from MacRaghnaill, the last of the Gaelic chieftains to rule the area.
9. 1643: Eoghan Roe O'Neill attempts to reverse the Plantation of Ulster. He camps and trains his army 'on the plains of Mohill'. The Gaelic dann way of life ends less than 20 years later with Cromwell and the Penal Laws.
10. 1673: decree forbidding 'persons of popish Religion' to 'Ride with, carry, buy, use or keep' firearms. Henry Crofton of Mohill is one of two men in Leitrim licensed to carry arms.
11. 1720: Turlough O'Carolan, last of the Irish Bards. His family lived in Mohill while he travelled across Ireland with his harp. The bronze statue is by acclaimed sculptor Oisín Kelly, and was unveiled in 1986 by President Paddy Hillery.
12. 1749: Nathaniel Clements buys ~10,000 acres in the area, initiating a divisive and tyrannical episode of landlordism. The Clements later become Earls of Leitrim.
13. 1750: The Castle is built as the home of the Croftons, owners of Mohill.
14. 1798: The United Irishmen's Rebellion ends in failure. General Cornwallis commands the English forces from Mohill, ordering his 20-35,000 troops to intercept the rebels. Humbert and his men are vastly outnumbered and are routed in a short, bloody battle at Ballinacuck.
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17. 1837: Mohill market is described by Samuel Lewis as 'well supplied with grain and provisions of every kind'.
18. 1844: First Mohill Agricultural Show held with prizes for crops, animals and produce from cottage gardens.
19. 1847: the Famine the population causing misery and death; one-seventh of the town's population receive relief. From 1845-47, the price of oatmeal doubles and the price of potatoes increases fourfold at Mohill market. In his novel *The MacDermots of Ballyclaran*, Anthony Trollope describes life in Mohill as the Famine takes hold. The Famine initiates a period of intense emigration from the town that is only stemmed in the late 1990s.
20. 1853: shops are banned from opening on Sunday in an effort to quell general lawlessness in the town. At the courthouse, offences include shootings, arson attacks; burglaries, robberies, poisoning, infanticide and cattle-stealing.
21. 1856: Mohill and Main Street are recovering from the Famine: Slater's Directory describes the street as having 'several good shops well-stocked with the various articles of fashion and of local requisites. [Mohill] is considered one of the most stirring, and is certainly the most thriving town of any in the surrounding counties'.
22. 1860: Reynolds' American Bar is built, part of a post-Famine boom when the town expanded and businesses thrived.
23. 1860: James Murphy shoots at Lord Leitrim in Main Street.
24. 1870: In the 14 years from 1856, businesses tripled while the population dropped by 13%.
25. 1878: Lord Leitrim is assassinated and gives impetus to Ireland's Land League, and greater rights for tenants and landholders. The Orange Lodge in Mohill mourns his passing.
26. 1887: The first train through Mohill ('a pig special'), travels from Dromod to Belturbet on a track behind the Courthouse. It closed in 1959.
27. 1893: The Hunt Memorial Parochial Hall is built; now used as a primary school. Beside it was a significant single-cell Presbyterian church, built c.1890. Unfortunately, this was razed in recent years.
28. 1916: Thirty-five Mohill men enlist to fight in the Great War.
29. 1917: Sinn Féin holds large public meetings in Mohill; in November, Éamon de Valera and Harry Boland speak.
30. 1920: Black and Tans drafted into Mohill to suppress IRA activity.
31. 1923: Dr Paddy Muldoon is murdered near the bridge in an unpunished crime that involved the Catholic Church, Free State authorities and the anti-Treaty IRA.
32. 1934: some 3,000 people attend an anti-Jazz rally in Mohill on January 2. Led by Fr Peter Conefrey, the campaign led to the Public Dance Halls Act, 1935 that made it impossible to hold dances without church and state approval.



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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 14:23  
**To:** Patricia Healy; Finbarr Keaney  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 (Submission)  
**Attachments:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Submission Fiona Slevin 11Nov20.pdf

Hi

Please see Part 8 Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Thanks

Pamela

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**From:** Fiona Slevin  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 14:10  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 (Submission)

Attn. Senior Planner, Leitrim County Council

Please see attached submission in relation to Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8. The submission has been prepared by Fiona Slevin in consultation with members of Mohill Historical Society (MHS).

I would be grateful for an acknowledgement of this submission.

Best regards  
Fiona

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Fiona Slevin |





**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
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**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Lourda,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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**Attachments:** Traffic Survey .docx; Excerpt from John McGahern's posthumous collection of non-fictional writings.pdf; Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8.doc

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**From:** Lourda McGowan  
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Good Afternoon,

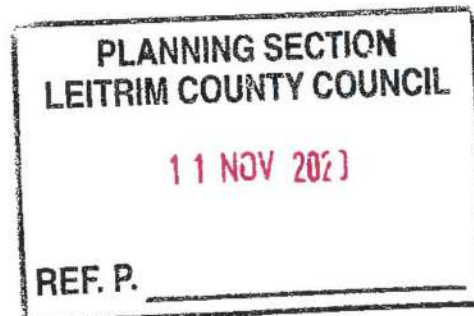
I attach my submission regarding the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 for your attention.

I also attach a Traffic Survey I did at Castle Street /Lower Main Street junction to indicate the need for two lanes as there is presently there at that point.

I also attach an excerpt from John McGahern's posthumous collection of non-fiction writings .

Thanking you

Lourda McGowan





**To Whom It May Concern at Leitrim  
County Council Planning Department**

I wish to make the following submission regarding the "Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8" and like most of the comments I have heard publicly from other Residents, about the Plans that are displayed in the Town, I would like that my comments be seen as comments / suggestions from a long-term resident and not as objections to progress.

Progress is most welcome and deemed necessary by most Residents and Business People in the Town, but the practical aspects of any progress must take the Residents opinions into consideration to allow such progress happen in a positive and constructive manner.

Public Consultation by the Professionals with all Residents and Business People should be foremost in any Improvement Scheme within the Town, where Consultants can understand and realise what makes our Town work and how this can be improved upon for everyone's benefit.

The proposed Development of the Saint Mary's Church wall is most attractive and necessary to enhance the Building and Grounds, which has connections to the Canons Regular of Saint Augustine as far back as 1216.

Rather than extending the present footpath / paved area around the Carolan Monument the wall along the River should be improved/ rebuilt all along Castle Street and right up to the wall at the side of Mohill Primary Health Care Centre. Indeed the area of the River at the side of the Health Care Centre could be covered and widen the road at this point for a more safer access route to Mohill Civic Amenity Centre.

The bank and the area of the River in front of Aras Carolan Nursing Home could also be covered to create a Public Area and avoid losing parking spaces further down the street at the Carolan Monument as the plans indicate.

**All of this work must be done in tandem with a programme of works to improve the overall appearance of the River.**

**The parking restrictions /limitations that appear on the present proposed plans at the Castle Street / Lower Main Street area will be a major inconvenience to the Residents here – six cars are parked here by Residents as well as parking for the two businesses based in Castle Street – Physio Therapy Clinic and Nail & Foot Spa.**

**The restricted parking proposed for this area will also affect Licensed Public Traders who have traded at this point for more than 30 years.**

**The idea of creating a one lane route at Castle Street leading to Main Street on the right and Station Road on the left would create traffic backlogs / problems in my opinion as presently both laneways are used safely , as my non-scientific traffic survey attached indicates.**

**The numerous historical aspects of Mohill must be incorporated into any proposed development and an audio information point should be installed at the Carolan Monument , Hyde Street and on Upper Main Street, so that visitors can be informed of the immense history that encompasses our Town.**

**This work along with the development of a Tourist /Public Information Centre would greatly enhance what we can offer our visitors – the Old Station House stands out as an ideal location as it is a building of significance on a spacious level site. It could also serve as a Gallery for displaying local Arts and Crafts.**

**The marvellous facility that Lough Rynn Castle Hotel and Gardens is , the present development of a Rowing Centre at Lough Rynn and the well managed Caravan Park at Lough Rynn must be incorporated into all promotions of our Town and Community.**

**I hope that when the plans are finalised that the materials / resources to be used will complement the overall aesthetics of Mohill – the proposed Totem Pole lighting on the present plans certainly do nothing to enhance the present lighting system.**

**In an interview with Michael Garvey on RTE Booklines in 2002 the renowned author John McGahern, who had very close links with Mohill, said that “ we are part of nature, like the animals and the trees and we are all part of that passing world we learn to love and leave”.**

**John McGahern also stated that he thought “Mohill as one of the happiest towns in the world” ( excerpt attached) and I , like all the Residents ,who have made submissions, would like to hope that any developments that may take place will make everyone proud of what we leave behind for future generations and that Mohill can always be one of the happiest towns in the world.**

***Lourda McGowan***





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"Mohill is our town ...

... In its plain way I think it beautiful. There is no desolate big street. The simple streets link perfectly into one another. I like the town best in winter, the outskirts glistening with frost, the excitement on the faces of people in from the countryside for the late Saturday-night shipping, children and parcels being dragged under the street-lamps. When the shopping is done, they go to the bars to meet the people they know and to discover the news, each locality to its own bar. In early March, on a Thursday market day, once I see the bags of seed potatoes and bundles of cabbage plants - Early York and Flat Dutch, Greyhound and Curly - on the corner outside Luke Early's bar, each bundle tied with baler twine of all colours, I know the winter is almost over. I think of Mohill as one of the happiest towns in the world.

From John McGahern, 'County Leitrim: The Sky Above Us' published in 'Love of the World'  
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Regards,



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*Peter Carroll*

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Regards,

*Qasim Rasool*



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Ref: 20-C-03

Zam Zam  
Main Street  
Mohill  
Co. Leitrim

**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 - 2017, Planning & Development  
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Kind regards,

*Patricia Healy*  
Planning Department

Beidh Fáilte roimh freagra tre Ghaeilge



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Regards,

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Jan Jan  
Main St

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**Ref: 20-C-03**

Helen Faughnan  
Lisdadnan  
Mohill  
Co. Leitrim

**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 - 2017, Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2018, Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03**

Dear Helen,

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Kind regards,

*Patricia Healy*  
Planning Department

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10.11.20

Dear Sir or Madam,  
LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

I am writing this letter on behalf of my daughter and myself. We wish to object to the proposal to add parking places on Main Street, MShill. This move would be of no benefit to the traders or shoppers.

Yours Sincerely,

Helen Faughnan

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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 10:00  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Hugh,

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Regards,

Patricia

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Dear Sirs,

I wish to raise objections to the proposals for Mohill Town centre as currently proposed and displayed. While no-one wants to be overly critical of potential investment in our town, as a resident and business owner on the town's Main Street, I would prioritise functionality over aesthetics. Beautiful wide expansive footpaths and streets that do not cater to the commercial interests of business in the town are of no use to anyone.

Like all plans there are some positive aspects that the majority of residents and business owners would happily support. The visual enhancement of St Mary's Church of Ireland wall, visual enhancements to the streetscapes, the proposed works around St Patrick's church, and traffic calming measures at key locations can all be viewed quite positively.

However some of the negatives of this plan far outweigh the great potential of the positive aspects. The narrowing of the road and the converging of two lanes into one on Castle St, for exiting onto Main Street at the O'Carolan monument is going to be a major problem. Essentially a new pinch point is being created that will back up traffic at key times, especially during morning school runs and when workers are commuting.

The widening and enhancement of footpaths on upper Main St, opposite from the Buttermarket, will effectively reduce the viability of the mart lane as an access or exit point from the Mart. As it stands it is very difficult for large cattle lorries, tractors and trailers to make the swing in or out at this junction onto Main St. Mohill is an agricultural town at its heart, with a large part of the local custom coming from neighbouring townlands. The mart on Green Road brings a lot of business to our town and is a very important stakeholder, as such many businesses benefit from its success.

However my principal objection to this plan, is the very idea that parking could be removed. As a business owner and resident, this idea is simply non-negotiable - removing car parking spaces from Main Street is madness. Any loss of parking would simply have devastating impacts to local business, and put unnecessary burdens on residents. Retail strategies determine that one of the main needs of business is adequate parking to cater for custom. To suggest otherwise is a complete nonsense. That is why Aldi, Lidl and Tesco all have big out of town centre locations with large expansive car parks, it is also why Leitrim county council has a large car parking facility at the rear, front and side of its premises at the Aras an Chontae building in Carrick on Shannon. Many key shopping categories rely solely on ease of parking access to determine where they will shop.

Demographics show that Mohill has a very active and vibrant older community, and a lot of work has been done to promote it as an age friendly town. Reducing access to

business makes a mockery of this concept. Elderly customers are not going to walk long distances to shops. In its press release to the Leitrim Observer, Sheridan Woods Architects and urban planners who have designed the concept drawings for this plan referenced an underutilised car park on Glebe Street. They state this car park is 80 metres from the Main Street. The reality is if said car park is under used, it is because it lacks proximity to the majority of town centre business. In Mohill town centre, parking is everything to the business and residents on the Main Street, it is vital it is maintained. We are too close to Carrick on Shannon and Longford to disadvantage our retail trade. If you remove on street parking from the business community our customers will simply go elsewhere. Apart from the obvious impacts of the loss of car parking spaces, the devaluation of properties, reduced footfall, impacts on business, it is hard to see any positive in this part of the plan.

Furthermore Sheridan Woods Architects and urban planners in their press release in the Leitrim Observer as referenced elsewhere in this submission are pursuing a flawed premise more suited to a large urban space and not a small rural town. Their belief that the concept of people abandoning cars in favour of bicycles and walking as a result of reduced parking is a total nonsense. The reality is human nature means people will always follow the most comfortable and convenient means to conduct their business. Mothers want parking with good spacing and sight lines of their cars, the elderly or those that may have mobility issues, pick parking on the basis of accessibility, proximity and to facilitate the carriage of essential shopping. If these spaces are taken away they simply will shop where these spaces are provided. Covid and the changing nature of business has also put more of a focus on the essential nature of on street parking. Many business types have moved to click and collect and pre-order systems. These models depend on good parking and frequent rotation of spaces. The nature of on street parking has changed substantially in tandem with societal change. Customers do their shopping as quick and conveniently as possible, parking close to the shops for short periods. This ensures parking frequent parking space rotation. The days of consumers abandoning cars on street and hoarding parking spaces are long since past.

To capture large funding streams necessary to make substantial changes to the town, the new streetscape has to be substantially different from what exists at present. This coupled with the tight timescale; means that decisions impacting on this plan may have been prematurely advanced. It is my belief there has not been enough consultation with stakeholders, either business or residential in advance of this plan being published. This only furthers scepticism and distrust in the planning process. Plans of this nature need a lot of support and agreement from the wider community; at present such support simply does not exist and will not be forthcoming with regard to removing car parking.

The council and councillors that will ultimately decide on these submissions should reflect on how these proposals can be amended and changed to draw down the maximum available monies without sacrificing our car parking. We as residents and business owners on the Main St will not be relenting or compromising on parking. If those that put forward this plan are serious about seeing it through, they would have realistic and viable proposals of alternative parking arrangements. These do not exist because there is no viable alternative; therefore removing large numbers of parking spaces can not and must not happen.

Regards,

Hugh Logan,  
Logan's Butchers,  
Lower Main Street,  
Mohill,  
Co Leitrim.





## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 10:22  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Séadhna,

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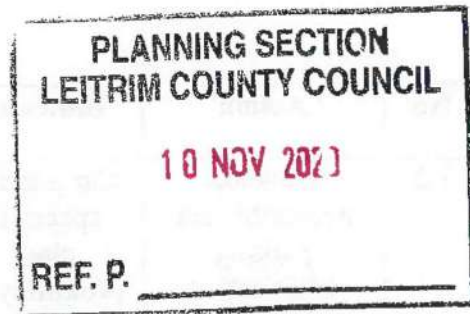
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Senior Planner,  
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Mohill has an aging population with the over 65 demographic making up over 25% of the local population. One person in every five in Mohill has some sort of disability, as quoted in "An Economic Development Plan for Mohill". These demographics depend on easily accessible parking on the town's main business streets.

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| <b><u>Leitrim Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020</u></b>   |
| The stated vision of Leitrim Age Friendly Strategy 2017-2020 is "to develop an inclusive, equitable county in which older people can live full, active, valued and healthy lives."  |
| This document stated the following as one of its objectives: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Have easily accessible public buildings, shops and services.</li></ul>   |
| This is very pertinent to Mohill, as between 2014-2016 it was a pilot Age Friendly Town in which Leitrim County Council was a lead partner on a number of actions.  |
| In the <b>Action Plan</b> of the current Age Friendly Strategy under <b>Theme One: Outdoor Spaces and Buildings</b> , the goal is to:<br>"make outdoor spaces and buildings pleasant, clean, accessible and safe for older people." |
| <b><u>Age Friendly Buildings</u></b>  |

| No  | Action  | Indicator   | Outcome                | Lead | Partner Agency                                   |
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| 1.2 | Develop accessible car parking locations at business premises | Car parking spaces in close proximity to business | Improved Accessibility | LCC  | OPC/Local businesses and community organisations |

### Leitrim County Development Plan 2015 – 2021

Mohill town is a Tier 2 town in the county development plan, and as such acts as a business, service, residential, educational and social hub. Its main street is very much a traditional old town centre, of mixed use. As it stands, the residents and established business are already in strong competition for parking at peak times.

Essentially what the County Development Plan wants to encourage is the renewal of rural areas, the development and delivery of services, better town centre traffic management/parking, and enterprise and employment growth. The County Development Plan also designates Mohill as an Architectural Conservation Area and its Development Management Standards prioritise prior community engagement regarding concept proposals for the town. In light of the on-going Covid crisis, I would worry that all relevant stakeholders may not have had enough consultation regarding these proposals, to adequately consider, analyse or discuss these proposals prior to the public display and notice of these plans.

I believe that the proposed plans for Mohill Town centre, in their current format are in direct conflict with the following strategic goals, which are clearly stated in the Core Strategy section of the County Development Plan:

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| <p><b>Section 2.2.1 Resources</b><br/>(e) To make the best use of existing infrastructure.</p>   |
| <p><b>2.2.2 Environment and Heritage</b><br/>(b) To protect, maintain and enhance the quality of the built and natural environment.</p>  |
| <p><b>2.2.3 Economic Development</b><br/>(a) To maintain and improve the viability, vitality and diversity of the local economy by being positively disposed towards employment generating development.<br/><br/>(d) To safeguard existing businesses, by among other things, strengthening the towns through population growth, and improving the demographic profile and</p> |

providing for their development and expansion.

(e) To provide for additional and improved retail and commercial development, whilst maintaining and enhancing the viability and vitality of town centres, in accordance with the County Retail Strategy.

#### **2.2.4 Transport and Infrastructure**

(j) To provide adequate car parking facilities in towns and villages throughout the county to meet current and future needs.

#### **2.2.5 Social Development**

(b) To promote equity and equality of access to education, health, community and recreational facilities, and employment opportunities for all residents of the county including persons with disability.

(d) To provide and promote access to buildings, spaces and services for all.

### **An Economic Development Plan for Mohill**

According to the document, “An Economic Development Plan for Mohill”, almost two thirds, or 64%, of people travel to work or school by car or van, whilst a further quarter does so on foot. Public transport plays a minimal role locally. If that is the case, and I have no reason to question the figures, it would be absurd to propose any removal of car parking from the main streets while not proposing any viable alternative arrangements.

### **Urban regeneration/Future-proofing**

One aspect of this plan I find to be quite jarring is how the sole focus of this plan is aesthetic enhancement, over functionality. Whether it was a deliberate omission or an oversight I note the two car electric charging points in the Glebe St car park do not appear in the plans drawing. As we are aware as part of environmental concerns and International agreements, by 2030 there is supposed to be a marked increase in electric cars. In line with this, all towns will need to see a marked increase in infrastructure and investment to see a substantial amount of on street charging points. Where will such necessary infrastructure be located if there is no viable locations if parking is removed. I also would hope that the casual trading bays in the town are not tightened, reduced or amended in any way as the drawings suggest. Any changes to the casual trading bays as designated in the Leitrim County Council Casual Trading Bye-laws 2018, must result in a suitable alternative to facilitate the casual traders that bring custom to our town. Casual trading has long been part of the history of Mohill and tradition as a market town, and must be facilitated into its future. I also believe the merging of two lanes into one on Castle Street exiting onto Main St at the O’Carolan monument, is a bad idea for multiple reasons. It will create a pinch point in the town during peak traffic hours and will make large vehicle traffic turning up the town onto the Main St quite difficult. The

plan also does not take into consideration the purpose and functionality of Green/ mart lane. The mart is a very important business at a strategic location in the town with two access and entry points. The main gate on the Ballinamore road and the secondary entrance/exit accessed via Green/Mart lane. Widening footpaths, putting public benches on upper Main St and other aspects of this plan, will practically make Green /Mart lane unviable for its primary purpose. As it stands it can be quite difficult getting large traffic to enter or exit that lane onto Main Street, it will be virtually impossible if these changes are made.

### Conclusion

In light of the evident conflict between the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme- Part 8 and a number of existing plans and documents which have been adopted by Leitrim County Council and other relevant stakeholders, I have serious concerns about this plan proceeding presently. The existing plans listed above (namely *Leitrim Age Friendly Strategy 2017 – 2020*, *Leitrim County Development Plan 2015 – 2021* and *An Economic Development Plan for Mohill*) were subject to public consultation through advertised engagement events, workshops or focus groups. I am concerned that there was no public forum or engagement with the wider community on the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 prior to its publication and erection of planning notices in the town centre.

While investment and development are to be welcomed, I urge Leitrim County Council to revisit their plans for Mohill Town centre and to undertake a more detailed and thorough consultation process with local residents and businesses to ascertain what they feel is best for their town going forward.

At present, I strongly object to this plan in its current format, as any significant loss of parking spaces in the town centre will have a detrimental impact on the ability of all local businesses to survive and thrive, potentially leading to a further loss of vitality in the town centre.

Is mise le meas,

Séadhna Logan,  
Mohill,  
Co. Leitrim.

**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 10:07  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Etienne,

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Patricia

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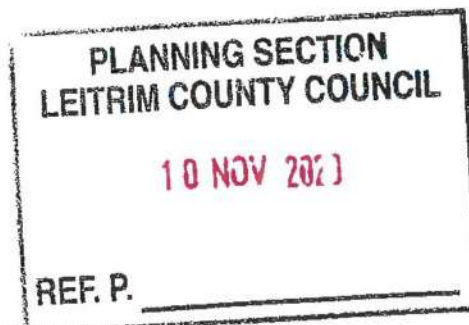
**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 10 November 2020 15:27  
**To:** Patricia Healy; Finbarr Keaney  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8

Hi

Please see Part 8 Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Regards

Pamela



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**From:** Etienne Gerard [<mailto:Etienne.Gerard@aurivo.ie>]  
**Sent:** 10 November 2020 15:22  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8

Dear Sir / Madam,

We refer to the "Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8" and in particular to the proposed development at the entrance to Green Lane from Main street.

Please note that Aurivo Co-operative Society Ltd is the owner and operator of a Livestock mart at the end of Green Lane, and has for over 20 years enjoyed the benefit of unrestricted access to Green Lane from Main Street. In the circumstances, we submit that this access remains free and unrestricted to all types of vehicles (including cattle trucks) to ensure continued access to our premises.

As you will be aware, the livestock mart in Mohill is a key business in supporting the local community, and it is vital that the existing flow of traffic in and out of the mart premises remains as is.

In you have any query in relation to the above, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address / number below

I would appreciate if you could confirm receipt of this email.

Best regards

Etienne.



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**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 10:08  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Robert,

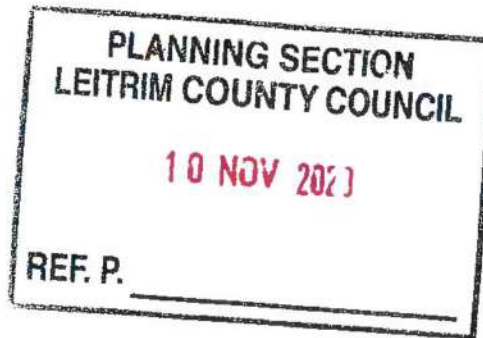
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Regards,

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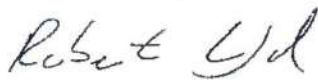
The Senior Planner,  
Leitrim County Council,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Carrick-on-Shannon,  
County Leitrim

10/11/2020


The Senior Planner,

I am putting forward a submission on the plans for 'Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part B' on behalf of Lloyds Insurances whose principal address is Main Street Mohill. We would just like to make it known that while we support the majority of the plans, particularly we are in support of narrowing the street and other measures which intend to slow traffic through the town, we have an issue with the removal of parking spaces along the main street. This would be detrimental to a lot of businesses on the Main street, including our own as customers rely on the existing on street parking to conduct their business in a timely fashion. However, we believe that a compromise between the plans and the concerns of the people re: parking spaces can easily be met. We believe the street is wide enough to achieve both a widening of footpaths while leaving clearly designated parking spaces and narrowing the road. In fact, designating the parking spaces will solve the issue of haphazard and inefficient parking which currently happens on the street.

Yours Sincerely,



Robert Lloyd  
Lloyds Insurances



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**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 10:10  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Aisling,

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Regards,

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Patricia Healy

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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 10 November 2020 16:32  
**To:** Patricia Healy; Finbarr Keaney  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill public realm improvement scheme part 8

Hi

Please see Part 8 submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Regards

Pamela

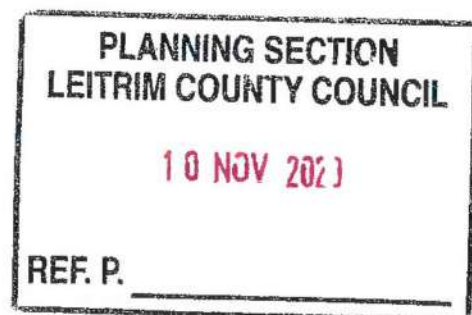
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**From:** Aisling Conaty  
**Sent:** 10 November 2020 15:59  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill public realm improvement scheme part 8

Dear sir/madam

I would like to object to the proposed removal of any street parking in the town as part of these plans. As a town which is already struggling it baffles me as to how you feel removing street parking would benefit any of the business in the town. There is serious concern in the town and if these plans go ahead, they will be detrimental to our already struggling town.

Sincerely  
Aisling Conaty





## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 10:13  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Laura,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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5 Cloone Road,  
Mohill,  
Co. Leitrim.

10/11/20

Senior Planner,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing in response to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Part 8. I wish to register my strong objection to the plan as it is presently formulated.

As a relatively new member of the community in Mohill, I have seen a number of small businesses close in Mohill town. In very recent times, 2 family butchers and a long running drapery business have closed. This takes away significantly from the impression made by the town by portraying a lack of vibrancy. The town cannot afford to lose more businesses or gain more empty buildings. Existing businesses in the town should be given every support to assist them in what is a very challenging economic climate.

Convenience is key to success in modern retail. Businesses and services operating in Mohill town centre are already competing for parking during their opening hours. If people cannot park in close proximity to a business premises, they are less likely to complete their business in the town centre and more likely to drive elsewhere and/or shop online.

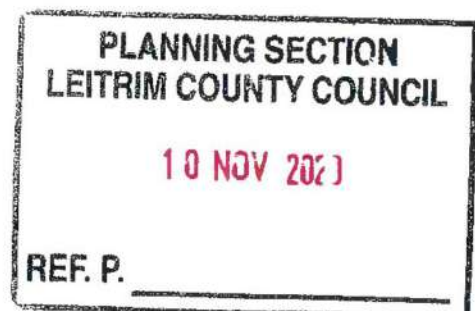
Our country has a well publicised and acknowledged shortage of housing, yet plenty of empty residential properties in town centres across the country. Mohill is no exception to this. Part of the national plan “Rebuilding Ireland” is to encourage people back to living in our town centres. In rural Ireland, where public transport links are extremely limited and where many people must commute to work, it is essential to keep parking in town centres if we are to encourage people to live there.

A fancy new layout and lighting will not do much for a town which has lost both businesses and residents. I see parking as a key element of safeguarding business, and of encouraging people back to living in the centre of Mohill town.

I welcome investment and development in our local area, but I do not feel that this development will bring any significant benefit to the area or its inhabitants. Rather, I fear that it may damage the fabric of the town community and endanger the small amount of businesses which continue to operate.

Yours sincerely,

Laura Creamer.





**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 10:14  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Adrian,

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Regards,

Patricia

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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 08:31  
**To:** Patricia Healy; Finbarr Keaney  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8

Hi

Please see Part 8 Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Thanks

Pamela

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**From:** adrian scollan  
**Sent:** 10 November 2020 20:58  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Fwd: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8

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**From:** **adrian scollan**  
**Date:** Tue, Oct 20, 2020 at 6:02 PM  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8  
**To:** <[planning@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:planning@leitrimcoco.ie)>

Dear Sirs/Madam

I wish to add my disapproval and objection to the proposed works that are to be carried out in Mohill, without prior public consultation, and object to any works that may hinder or obstruct my day to day living as a resident on Main Street Upper. Without prior consultaiton on the proposed works, I feel as a resident of Main Street Mohill, I have no option but to object to the plans that have been proposed.

Had the council and its planners met with us residents and business people alike, to discuss future development, a team working in tandem with all concerned could have been set up so that all concerns, on both sides, could be talked through. However, unfortunatley this did not happen and leaves me with no other choice than to object.

Yours sincerely,  
Adrian Scollan



## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 10:20  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Aisling,

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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 10:40  
**To:** Patricia Healy; Finbarr Keaney  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill public Realm improvement Scheme Part 8

Hi

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Thanks

Pamela

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**From:** Aisling Logan [mailto:  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 10:07  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8

FAO: Senior Planner,  
Leitrim County Council,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Carrick on Shannon  
County Leitrim

Dear Sir,

I am writing to formally raise concerns that I have in relation to the proposed plans for Mohill public Realm improvement scheme Part 8.

My main concerns are in relation to the proposed changes to parking provision in the town, and the proposed change to traffic conditions where the one way street on Castle Street meets Main Street.

The plans as they stand propose to remove almost all of the on- street parking on one side from the bottom of Main Street to the top of the town. They also propose to reduce the number of car parking spaces in the Buttermarket to just 6, and remove the parking all along one side of Glebe Street. This means there will be less than half of the current parking provision in the town. This will have a disastrous effect on business in the town. Accessibility and convenience are two of the biggest factors shoppers use when deciding whether or not to shop in a small town. If you remove this parking you remove both.

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> As someone who lives in the town I can tell you first hand that whether or not there is parking available outside the shops in the town often determines whether or not I will stop and shop there. If I intend to stop for example in to Paul's to buy a newspaper but there is no parking outside, I will drive on through the town and get it in Baxter's, or at one of the bigger shops in Carrick on Shannon where there is lots of parking in proximity to the shops.

> This is even more pronounced if it is raining, I am in a rush, or if I have my 3 year old daughter with me.

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> It should also be considered that Mohill is supposed to be an "Age Friendly" town, however removing accessible parking to business in the town removes access for any elderly person with mobility issues, as it does for those with a disability. Although I am only 31 I suffer from Psoriatic Arthritis which has already caused significant joint damage. As this is a progressive disease, I worry about how it may affect my mobility in the not too distant future and with that comes with a worry about accessibility to my local services.

>

> Sheridan Woods Architects and Urban Planners noted in their observations printed in the Leitrim observer that there is an under-utilised car park in Glebe Street. You can extrapolate from that, that their hope is that this car park will act as a substitute for the parking they have proposed to remove. Perhaps it would be more fitting to question why that car park is underutilised? It is because it is not close to the businesses that require parking. Particularly as the nature of many of those businesses is such that most of their customers only spend a few minutes at most in their premises e.g.

getting a newspaper in the newsagent, picking up a takeaway, getting meat from the butcher, grabbing a coffee or sandwich to go from the deli or cafe. Simply put, for most people if it is going to take you longer to walk to the shop and back than it will to actually conduct your business there it is no longer convenient to shop there.

In their press release to the Leitrim Observer Sheridan Woods also “anticipates that residents in Mohill will shift from car to foot and bicycle to access local services”. Mohill is officially designated a rural town. And as a rural town has very little public transport save a few buses that take people out of Mohill to larger urban areas such as Carrick on Shannon and Longford. The majority of business undertaken in the town is from residents of neighbouring parishes and townlands who must access Mohill via car. Additionally, even if there was a (very unlikely) sharp rise in people using bicycles to access the town there is no appropriate infrastructure to support this, not even in this proposal.

My second concern, as highlighted in my opening statement, is the proposal to change the road on approach to Main Street from Castle Street from a spilt lane to a single lane. I cannot see any value in this, and it will most certainly just create a pinch point for traffic particularly at commuting times such as school opening and closing and work days beginning and ending. I would like to point once again to my own anecdotal evidence as a person who drives along that street at those times every day. I live on Crooked Lane so every single journey I make in my car takes me directly out onto the one-way street at the library and down to the split junction at Main Street. At peak times traffic often extends up to the exit at Crooked Lane, particularly at school times as the Hunt National School is located on that stretch of road. The journey to drop my daughter to crèche which takes me less than 2 minutes when traffic is clear can take up to 7-8 minutes on a busy morning and this will be significantly exacerbated by forcing all traffic into one lane. As it stands two cars can move at once (left and right) when traffic is clear on Main Street so this would effectively be halving the efficiency of traffic exiting onto Main Street. I am sure there could be a rebuttal here for walking in lieu of driving however with COVID protocols in place Crèche has set drop off times (9am for my daughter) and I begin my work day at 9am so unfortunately, I do not have the luxury of the 20 minutes it would take to walk up and back and many people are currently in the same situation.

As someone who grew up in Mohill and loves this town it honestly pains me to object to any proposals for investment in and improvement to the town. However, what would pain me more is to see the few businesses that we have left suffer because that investment was not in the right place, or appropriate for our town.

> I strongly implore the Council to listen to my concerns and the concerns of the many other residents and businesses that I know have lodged feedback. And that this feedback can be used to create amendments that will result in a plan that enhances our town and supports our local businesses to thrive.

Yours Sincerely,

Aisling Logan Heaney.

Sent from my iPhone

**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 12:24  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Noel,

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Regards,

Patricia

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To: Leitrim County Council.

Re: Submission to Mohill Public Realm Improvement Plan

By: Noel MacLochlainn, Mackan, Leitrim Village, County Leitrim.

Date: 11/11/2020

PLANNING SECTION  
LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

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REF. P.

I am concerned about the plan and want to offer my observations surrounding the principles driving the development and vision.

The Mohill – Urban Framework for Living is a long-term vision for the future development of Mohill town, integrating urban design, focusing on appearance, urban fabric, lifestyle, and patterns of living. Striving to create vibrant and attractive town center spaces.

Future development of Mohill Town:- the dictionary says Development is "*the act or process of developing; growth; progress*", and we agree the goal is positive outcomes, not negative or ineffective public expenditure. To see the future, we need to carry the past. I am concerned the Mohill Urban Framework does not place positive heritage development as the central tenet of the future viability of Mohill.

#### Historic Urban Fabric of Mohill Town = Its people

Maethail is a place of history, a testament to the resilience of county Leitrim. Maethail is located in the tuath of Maigh Rein. The earliest recorded tribes are Calraige (people of the woods) and Conmaicne (people of Conmac, son of the hound).

- The **Cálraighe** were a population-group found mostly in northern Connacht as well as County Westmeath and County Longford. They were purported descendants of Lugaid Cal, son of Daire Sirchrechtaig, who was himself a supposed descendant of Lugaid mac Itha, a first cousin of Míl Espáine. [wikipedia]
- The **Conmhaícne** or Conmaicne were a people of early Ireland, perhaps related to the Laigin, who dispersed to various parts of Ireland. They settled in Connacht. Their name supposedly originates from a mythical ancestor known as Conmac, descended from Fergus mac Roich and Queen Maeve of Connacht and Longford, giving their name to several Conmaicne territories. [wikipedia]

Maethail is dominated by the Conmhaícne of Maigh Rein from circa 500AD-today. Pagans, Mohill converted to christianity in the 6th century influenced by spectacular events which still mark the landscape of Mohill town today. The formative period of Mohill town is:-

- 500AD: A Welsh Christian missionary named Manchan arrived in Ireland. He supposedly founded seven churches, but only four can be identified with certainty:
  - Ennisnag (Inis Nag), county Kilkenny;
  - Lemaghan (Leith Manchan), county Offaly
  - Kilmanaghan (Cill Manchan), county Offaly,
  - Mohill (Maethail Manchan), county Leitrim
  
- 500AD: Manchan lived in Mohill town at the site the Public Realm Improvement plan is targeting. His monastery (now Saint Mary's church) was situated there. The plan makes no mention of Saint Manchan, patron of the parish.
  
- 536AD: Natural Disaster - **Extreme weather events of 535–536** were the most severe and protracted short-term episodes of cooling in the Northern Hemisphere in the last 2,000 years. The event is thought to have been caused by an extensive atmospheric dust veil, possibly resulting from a large volcanic eruption in the tropics[2] or in Iceland. Its effects were widespread, causing unseasonable weather, crop failures, and famines worldwide.[wikipedia]
  
- 536-538AD: Famine and "a failure of Bread" (Irish Annals). The pagan people of Mohill face significant life challenges and some become followers of Manchan.
  
- 538AD: The Irish Annals report "Manchan of Mohill fell". His death can be attributed to famine and hardship. The cult of Manchan begins.
  
- 540AD: The Plague of Justinian comes into the Shannon region. The Plague of Mohill is the earliest recorded plague site anywhere in the British Isles.
  - Evidence for the Justinian plague in Mohill is revealed by the names of three contiguous townlands south west of Mohill town—Tamlaght More, Tamlaght Beg, and Tamlaghtavally—all surrounding the former monastery of Mohill.[1][2] Because Tamlaght (Irish: Taimhleacht) is a pagan name,[3] all three townland names are ancient and pre-Christian in origin. Recognition that the word tamlacht signifies a plague burial site is widespread, but most communities are unaware of their ancient ancestors' experiences.[wikipedia]
  
- 540-2020AD: The population of Mohill are now Christians. The cult of Manchan can be attributed to (a) his missionary work, and (b) the dramatic and traumatic events surrounding his death and legacy in the 6th Century. He was never forgotten.
  
- 540-1200AD: The monastery of Maethail Manchan is one of the most important religious centers in Northern Connacht. Mohill town is Maethail Manchan for 1000 years.

- 1200-1590AD: The monastery became the Augustinian Priory of Saint Mary as part of church reforms, and the ecclesiastical capital of south Leitrim. Canons in the Diocese of Conmaicne (Ardagh) live here. One of the most important, Charles Reynolds, convinced Pope Paul III to excommunicate Henry VIII of England and died in 1535; declared a traitor in 1536. His grave slab hangs in the Archbasilica of St John Lateran.

So the foundation of the town of Mohill is centered on the very space where the Public Realm Improvement plan is targeting. We need to be careful to ensure:

- The plan is positive development, not negative. Heritage is what gives people a sense of place. Mohill is already a dying town because it has lost so much heritage over the past 500 years. The long-term plan must stop repeating the continued destruction of heritage or town will never regrow.
- The plan is progressive. Urban fabric is not just about concrete measurements like width of pavements, parking, facade, The core fabric of Mohill is its disappearing history and heritage and this long-term plan has already failed if this is not immediately recognized.

Here is a minor list of the destruction of heritage in Mohill over 500 years, much of the damage done in the past decades:

- Railway closes (not repurposed).
- The Priory of Saint Mary is suppressed in 1590, revived again during Confederate Ireland (1640s) and destroyed after Cromwell. There is little or no remains of this historic landmark except for:
  - An old school house (ruined) still stands.
  - The round tower location is known.
  - Christian stones (basic, and decorated) were used in various sites throughout Mohill. Because Mohill was a considerable medieval church, there must be lots of archaeology waiting to be discovered.
  - The wall of Saint Mary's church has had some stones in use 1500 years.
- Huge heritage destruction at the Catholic church:
  - Grotto is destroyed
  - Church garden is destroyed
  - Entire historical space is wiped out and replaced with a tarmac car park.

Please acknowledge one thing:

The Public Realm Improvement Plan for Mohill and Architects report outline a vision of Mohill which places little weight on the very things which make an urban community viable (heritage, heritage, heritage).

Please do the following:

1. Urgently reassess the Urban Improvement Plan and ensure heritage is protected.

2. Place heritage protection as central tenet for the viability of Mohill and Leitrim.
3. Acknowledge the long history of heritage destruction in Mohil town, and make every effort to halt that long term **negative development - backward progress, lack of growth, and lack of connection with historical heritage.**

The urban fabric comprising history, heritage, people, resilience, life and death, is irrevocably damaged when development plans do not recognize the strongest bind of Urban Fabric, the people of Mohill down through the ages, and into the future. My concern is the ongoing long-term destruction of Mohill life fabric will be further damaged by bland development, in the name of progress measured along dimensions which people hold less dear.

Sense of identity is a critical component of People lives. Once that is lost Mohill dies forever.

I would also add that Multi-linguism (Irish and English) must be another central tenet of Public Realm Development plans. The Irish language was spoken everywhere in Ireland until the tragic Irish Famine and resulting social patterns which promoted decline of the language. At every opportunity, signage and information provision by Leitrim County Council must support the Irish language. If we lose all differentiators, then nobody will want to visit Leitrim or Mohill.

My references are personal knowledge and the following sources:

1. Public-Realm-Part-8-Architects Report v2.0:  
[http://www.leitrimcoco.ie/eng/Services\\_A-Z/Planning-and-Development/Council-Proposals/Part-8-Proposals/Mohill-Public-Realm-/Part-8-Architects-Report-V2-0.pdf](http://www.leitrimcoco.ie/eng/Services_A-Z/Planning-and-Development/Council-Proposals/Part-8-Proposals/Mohill-Public-Realm-/Part-8-Architects-Report-V2-0.pdf)
2. Wikipedia
3. Battle of Connacht 1270: Aedh O'Conchobar's victory at Áth an Chip (Conmaicne), Noel MacLochlainn, 2020.

## Jacqui Colreavy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 10 November 2020 12:52  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Mervyn,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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Senior Planner - Leitrim County Council

REF : Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8

Hello,

I am Mervyn Kerr, and I would like to make a few observations, relating to the above named scheme.

This property is 2 doors down from the Butter Market as you travel coming from Carrick-on-Shannon (marked A on AREA C Map). It is next to MARIE's Café which is leased from Mr Jim Rogers who lives in the rest of the property, marked B. We have a right-of-way from our property through Mr Roger's yard opening out onto the Butter Market Marked C. This R-OF-W opens onto the Butter Market to give 24 hour access to the Main Street. Consideration must be given to ensure adequate accessibility to this R-OF-W for vehicles. For example, in the recent past we have had to access with a cherry-picker to do repairs.

Mr Rogers has significantly less of a yard than we have. As marked on the map, our property extends from the rear of houses and sheds right down to the walls of Quinn's old yard. This is a good-sized area which is Land Locked and could be put to good use if we could get adequate entry. There is one wall that might give us that entry. However, it is only about 10ft wide (marked F). This wall has been knocked previously and rebuilt for security. I don't know what amount would be needed from 3rd parties to suffice access. The sheds are to be knocked as they are no longer safe.

Consideration should be given to unlock this area before the Butter Market is developed. I would be interested in having a further discussion with your staff in this regard.

One last point relates to the Green Lane which is used for accessing the Mart. I don't think that paving is a good idea with Farm Tractors passing over them.

Yours Sincerely

Any correspondence to this address please

Mervyn Kerr  
Castlecreevy  
Corrandulla  
Co Galway





AREA C

PART 8 PLANNING APPLICATION

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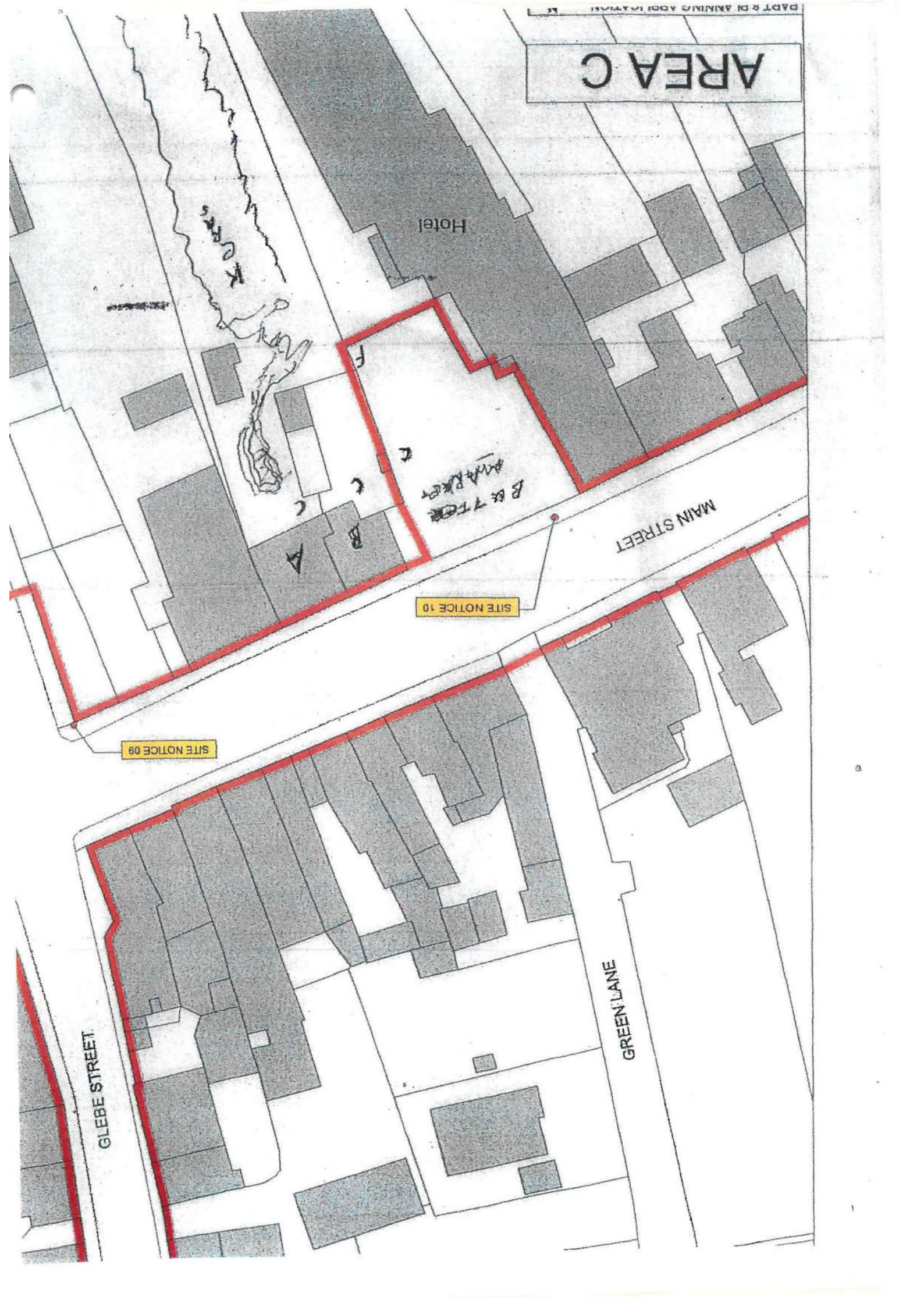
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MAIN STREET

GREEN LANE

GLEBE STREET



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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 10 November 2020  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Morgan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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Re Mohill Public Relam Improvement Scheme Part 8.

## Submissions & Observations

For the attention of the Senior Planner Leitrim County Council

Dear Sirs/ I am writing this on behalf of my family who own a property on upper main street Mohill, previously a public house trading as (The Usual Place Bar), this premises ceased trading as a licence premises some time ago.

It is currently for sale.

However, it is a commercial premises with living accommodation overhead commanding the most central position on upper main street, with a street scape of 45ft front, and a rear garden / yard of 0.5 acres with side entrance to rear.

It's a massive property running the full length of Hyde street. It appears from the plans that this properties rear garden along with neighbours is earmarked as a potential central car park. This I would have to agree with.

I have a number of issues with the currant town proposed plan of widening foot paths ect and according to architect plans which I believe lacks any vision or imagination. It appears they just took a quick look at the town and decided to enlarge & expand existing area's that were already there. Eg, O Carlon monument and butter market.

This plan in fact not only restricts parking on main street, but I was shocked to learn it does not even take into account the rural regeneration or sustainable regeneration in rural towns and villages. Outlined by minister Michael ring.

These types of towns are earmarked for conversation of commercial to residential as outlined in the rural development plan going forward.

For example, on Hyde street, hyde place a development of shops and a number of apartments gained questionable planning permission back in 2005, Leitrim county council granted this without provision of additional parking. Only street parking, now if all residents had even one car this would fill the street, planning was also granted for more apartments on the same street with only street parking available, this clearly was very poor planning practice on behalf of the council. In total at least 14 units.

I and my family have lived all our lives in and around mohill which qualifies me to comment in detail on the subject. The present plan is extremely poor to say

the least, no recreation taken account for present residents let alone future conversation of commercial to residential.

Unlike Carrick on Shannon, Mohill has no central play area/park for young families or indeed those who may move into town in the future as outlined in the rural development plan, as is happening in ballinamore at present.

The proposed street plan outlines ample parking on glebe street which is only a short distance from main street, this in itself just shows just how out of touch the planners are.

As you will be well aware of the success of retail business parks one of which is the ease of parking as everyone likes to drive to the door. Like Rosebank retail park in Carrick on Shannon. This is not even given consideration in present plan in fact the plan is to remove any ease of parking for businesses on main street which has the bulk of the business in the town, additionally as outlined above a lot of premises on or in close proximity to main street will be converting to residential from commercial in the near future. The plan or indeed the council has made no reference or provision for parking off main street. Indeed, I am aware of at least two properties that will be availing of change of use from commercial to residential houses/apartments. To be clear there is not adequate parking for all the apartments on hyde street at present and this plan did not even discuss hyde street.

Reference was made to Greene mohill which is in itself dreamed up by a few persons in light of the climate change populist view at present. I believe this minority group of persons went with the idea of let us pedestrianize all main street it will look good without thinking it through. The planner's designers decided this was in the form of some Greene wall on a building which I feel is an insult lazy and a token at best by designers. If considering going (greene) this needs cycle lanes perhaps like carrick on Shannon not large sideways which will restrict any one from cycling through the town not forgetting a large number of estates at the top of the town with youths coming down town.

The only enlargement plan is of existing areas which again does not take into account the people that live here. This area at the bottom of the town at the O Carlon monument is already over developed indeed now there is two structures in this place. And with the wisdom of some health and safety officer is surrounded by loud shiny poles which detracts from existing monuments, indeed the horse fair was gifted a metal structure symbolizing a fair deal and this found its way to the opposite side at the top of the town not at all in keeping with the town. Indeed, this looks quite out of place near the church. I

believe some local councillor and council workers decided this on their own merit without any planning permission or consultation with local committee. Again no vision, I would describe Mohill as a fragmented town with a few local persons with miss matched ideas and no vision.

But I was shocked that a top design team in Dublin went with this idea and indeed yourselves in the council. As previously outlined any changes to main street needs to incorporate parking. Also a child care facility at the top of the town again got planning permission and the entrance /exit from same is quite dangerous but the council gave planning permission to same. This was built on Mohill tennis court one of the oldest in the country and it would now give tourists who come to Lough Rynn castle or caravan park some activity in the town and indeed locals. But this just shows how bad planning with no connected overall vision can gain planning. There was plenty of places within the town to place this facility without building on the existing tennis court and causing a major danger from exit to same site. From my understanding there was vested interests in getting Enniskerry lane opened up.

Additionally, the local horse fair which was revitalised in the last 15 years to great success and is a big part of the history and fabric of this community is held in the area beside the O'Carroll Monument at present. Also this is a great tourist attraction for County Leitrim also. The Dublin design team chosen by the county council makes no reference to this, again showing the lack of research and observation of this team. It appears it was a box ticking exercise which perhaps pays well for the company but does not serve the community well if at all.

I believe the plan in its current form is a nonrunner. Major Issues... the town has been left behind in the county, I will agree that Mohill has a tendency to be used as a drive through at present with one shop at the bottom of the town and a small children's play area and the proposed plan to cut car parking spaces hugely and ram more amenities mostly seating towards the bottom of the town again and have main street as some sort of seated area for tourists which don't exist, will be the complete death of the soul of the whole fabric of the town centre. As main street is the centre with banks church hotel newsagent's chemist's coffee shops fast food outlets bars butchers and present and future residents. Therefore, this area needs a carpark and central leisure area for residents present and future.

How difficult it is for anyone but especially the elderly having to park on glebe street and walk to the bank or chemist. This plan in its current form is also ageist at its best and city viewed, but I am shocked that the local council would even consider this. No joined up thinking and no consideration of incorporating overall plan. Main street will change in the near future with more apartments residents moving in from the more rural areas therefore it needs a central carpark/park for these citizens. Indeed, the present carpark on glebe was always located in the incorrect place mostly used for parking post vans overnight, with very little business now on this street, with post office closed 2/3 at most.

The current plan by city planners is completely out of touch unworkable and detracts from the town currently. Mohill needs investment badly from the council and all the programs that are currently running in the country and god knows there is enough money available but as you will be aware are all run through the country council.

Kind regards

Morgan mc hugh.



**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 10 November 2020 12:55  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Elizabeth,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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Patricia Healy

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**From:** Eileen Keenehan  
**Sent:** 10 November 2020 10:15  
**To:** Patricia Healy  
**Subject:** FW: Objection To: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8

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**From:** Pamela Moran **On Behalf Of** planning  
**Sent:** 09 November 2020 10:11  
**To:** Eileen Keenehan; Finbarr Keaney  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Objection To: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8

Hi

Please see Part 8 Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Regards

Pamela

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**From:** Elizabeth Bohan  
**Sent:** 08 November 2020 16:34  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Objection To: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8

Dear Sirs,

I wish to raise objections to the proposals for Mohill Town centre as currently proposed and displayed.

My main concern with the project as envisaged is the detrimental impact the proposed removal of car parking spaces will have on the residential and commercial future of the town. As a concerned business owner on main street, I see first hand how much business I receive from passersby who spot my well kept, well maintained Beauty Business and just pull in conveniently outside. If they had to go to the trouble of going round the one way system and finding a car space half way down the town, well, they move on. As I say I keep up the maintenance of the business property to be inviting to the town and customers, but if business deteriorates anymore there will be another derelict premises. No need for wide paths with little footfall.

Having said all that yes I do welcome improvements to the town, but not at the expense of existing business.

Hope you listen to our plea.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs. Elizabeth Bohan/Brady  
Reflections Beauty & Wellbeing  
Main St., Mohill.



## Finbarr Keaney

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**From:** Finbarr Keaney  
**Sent:** 12 November 2020 10:18  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** RE: leitrim planning-Mohill-Objection submittal

Dear John and Conor,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November by email at 10:41 am in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Part 8 proposal. The comments in your submission will be considered by the case planner when their report is being prepared.

Kind regards,  
Finbarr

Finbarr Keaney,  
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**From:** Conor Gordon  
**Sent:** 11 November 2020 17:25  
**To:** planning  
**Cc:** John Gordon  
**Subject:** Re: leitrim planning-Mohill-Objection submittal

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**From:** Conor Gordon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 10:41:49 AM  
**To:** [planning@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:planning@leitrimcoco.ie) <[planning@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:planning@leitrimcoco.ie)>  
**Cc:** John Gordon  
**Subject:** leitrim planning-MOHILL-Objection submittal

For the attention of Leitrim County council planning department,  
find attached objection submittal for the proposed development in Mohill town.  
this is been sent to the planning department for objection.  
dated 10-11-2020 at 10:41am

regards,

John Gordon

**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 10 November 2020 12:58  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Conor,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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Senior Planner,  
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Carrick on Shannon,  
Co Leitrim

Dear Sirs,

**Objection To: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.**

I wish to raise objections to the proposals for Mohill Town centre as currently proposed and displayed.

My primary concern with the project as envisaged is the detrimental impact the proposed removal of car parking spaces will have on the residential and commercial future of the town. As a resident and business owner in the town, I believe any loss of parking in the town, without a viable alternative will severely impact the vitality and viability of business on the Main Street. In the interests of good retail and accessibility, the existing parking provision in the town should be maintained.

Safety concern is the dangers impacted by the widening of the foot paths, this is a high safety concern for the pedestrians.

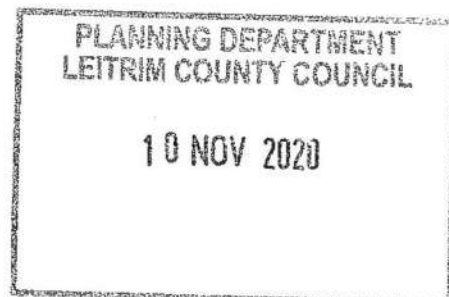
Leaving a wider foot path on both sides of the street leaves the road way tight for heavy Vehicles, these will take up the full width of the road both ways and any pedestrians walking near the outer edge of the footpaths lay in means harm of been obstructed from oncoming and outgoing traffic.

Vehicle impact concern is also high due to the short turning circles of a tractor unit and 40ft trailer, these vehicles require a large turning circle which will be reduced once the foot paths are installed to their new diameter.

This creates another safety issue for pedestrians in the town.

Regards,

John Gordon  
Main street/Hyde street,  
Mohill,  
Co. Leitrim





**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 09 November 2020 15:01  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Ann,

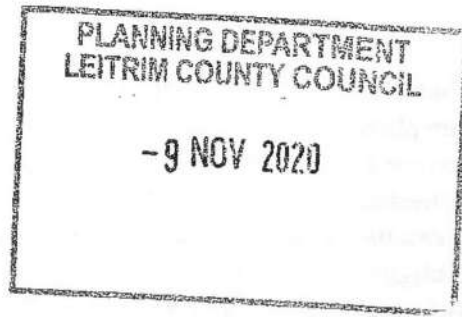
I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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Main Street,  
Mohill,  
Co Leitrim

08/11/20

## **OBJECTION TO MOHILL PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PART 8**

Dear Sirs,

As a resident of Main Street Mohill for the last 39 years, I wish to object to some of the proposals for Mohill town centre as currently displayed.

I live on Main Street and, obviously, I need to be able to park outside my own home; to enable me to take in shopping and fuel, and to give me piece of mind that my car is nearby and not left in an unsecure carpark. I'm quite sure that nobody making these proposals would be happy to be told not to park outside their own home. Yet it is a restriction that these proposals would force upon me.

While I enthusiastically welcome investment in Mohill – and have done for years – I do not welcome ill-considered proposals that will damage the town and will only serve to decrease the limited footfall we already have. Wider footpaths, benches and trees are simply not the way to improve the town. Mohill is an age-friendly town with an ageing population, and if there's going to be restricted parking in the centre of town, we will lose that status. Parking can be difficult during peak times in Mohill and a proposal to remove twenty-five car spaces on the street will not attract visitors to the town but will only encourage them to pass right through and do their shopping in Carrick. We need more street parking, not less. Not just for the residents but for the people of the outlying areas who come in to shop.

Comparing Mohill to the likes of Carrick or Drumshanbo, we have wider footpaths on our main streets than those towns. Your proposal states that wider footpaths will allow 'young and old... to comfortably walk alone or alongside another.' Frankly, this is a ludicrous statement and sounds like it was written by someone who has never been to Mohill. In all my years in Mohill, I've never seen anyone have trouble walking alongside each other – young, old or otherwise. And in the last few months, social distancing has not caused a problem on Mohill's adequately wide footpaths.

So what will be the end result of widening Mohill's footpaths? Less parking spaces, resulting in people taking their shopping to Carrick or Longford. Residents unable to park outside their own homes, pushing people that have lived in Mohill all their lives out of the town. Who exactly will the wider paths and benches attract? Loiterers, school students on their lunchbreaks, people engaging in late night public drinking. How could anyone think that this is the kind of investment that Mohill needs?

Why would visitors come to a town simply for the sake of wide footpaths? Why would they want to sit on a bench, looking at a dying main street? Mohill does need investment. And Mohill needs

investment to make it an attraction. There's no point in creating wide paths before we've created a genuine attraction for visitors. There are plenty of places that could do with investment to enhance. For instance, we have a long-neglected river flowing through the town. Any investment would be better spent cleaning up the river and riverbank, making it a feature of the town, somewhere for visitors and residents alike. We also have a beautiful station house that has been neglected in recent decades. Why not invest in same? The biggest asset Mohill has presently is its proximity to Lough Rynn lake and castle. It attracts visitors from all over the country, and world. It's only two miles from Main Street to the Lough Rynn estate. Visitors to the hotel spend a lot of time walking the grounds of the estate but few ever make it into Mohill. If there was an attractive greenway linking the town to the hotel, and extending around the lake, making a feature of the beautiful landscape around Mohill, then it would give visitors an instant reason to visit the town. This would be a far greater attraction than wider footpaths along a dying Main Street.

Mohill wants and needs investment. But it can't be as thoughtless or as harmful as what has been proposed. At the minute, Mohill is a market town for the people in the local area. It does not attract many visitors, despite the luxury hotel just outside the town. These proposals are putting the cart before the horse. It's making Mohill into a town that can accommodate crowds before the crowds want to come here. I sincerely hope that you do invest in Mohill. But do it wisely. Make Mohill into an attraction. What has been proposed will kill our town. Please do not do this.

Regards,

Ann Early



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9<sup>th</sup> November 2020

**Ref: 20-C-03**

Pauline Crossan  
Glebe Street  
Mohill  
Co. Leitrim

**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 - 2017, Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2018, Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03**

Dear,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 Reference 20-C-03, received on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The consultation period to allow any interested party to make any comments or submissions is open until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. If you have further comments, observations or submissions to make on this matter these should be sent in to the Planning Office, Leitrim County Council, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim before 4 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. All submissions received by that date will thereafter be duly considered.

Kind regards,

*Patricia Healy*  
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Planning Department





PAULINE CROSSAN  
GLEBE STREET  
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LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

Mr. Joe Gilhooly  
Director  
Leitrim County Council  
Aras an Chontae  
Carrick-on-Shannon  
Co. Leitrim

30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

**Re: Public Realm Improvement Scheme for Mohill Town**

Dear Joe

I would be grateful if you would please send me a copy of the architects Report and related Maps for the proposed Public Realm Improvement Scheme for Mohill Town.

As a longtime resident of Glebe Street and my late husband Michael having both family and business ties to the street dating back to circa 1880, I am disappointed with the absence of direct consultation on behalf of Leitrim Co. Council regarding proposed changes to the streetscape in Mohill. It is unfortunate that the plans were drawn up by people who know little about the fabric and history of the town.

I strongly object to the planting of any additional trees in Glebe Street since leaves from the existing trees already accumulate in large amounts and contribute to the blocking of gulleys. There is a long history of flooding in Glebe Street, the last episode being on the 14<sup>th</sup> November 2014, as a result of a blocked gully. I experienced extensive flooding damage on that date to the entire ground floor of my home. Leitrim Co. Council were notified of the incident but I did not receive any redress from the council at that time in relation to this damage and trauma.

I have noted that the road sweeping service around my premises is often inconsistent and inadequate in comparison to other areas of the town. An amount of leaves and litter are often left uncollected.

In addition any time it rains a large pool of water accumulates on the footpath outside the front door of my residence. This has been a constant occurrence particularly since the "brick" footpath was put in place. The lodging of water at this point has further increased since 2019 when the manholes were replaced with plastic coverings leaving a gap in the brickwork which was cemented over. As a result I live with the constant fear of being flooded again.

I strongly object to the loss of any parking spaces and the widening of the footpaths in Glebe Street which would result in the further narrowing of the road in an already very narrow street. As a person of advanced years, a parking space outside my residence is essential for the transportation of shopping and other goods especially during the often inclement Irish weather.

I live with my son who suffers from a chronic neurological condition which required specialised brain surgery performed in London in 2014, as it was not available here in Ireland. Therefore a dedicated parking space is of critical importance at our residence.

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The loss of parking space would also devalue my residence in the event of a future sale.

As one of the few remaining business owners in Mohill, parking space in front of my premises is crucial both for deliveries and customers. Since the majority of my customers are in the older age bracket, they do not wish to walk long distances to their vehicle especially if it is raining.

I would object to the installation of Benches in Glebe Street. The climate is not conducive to such an idea and I fear it may encourage an element of anti-social behaviour.

I have already endured many months of closure and disruption to my business and I fear the further disruption which these proposed works will entail. I would like to get a written guarantee from Leitrim Co. Council that once these proposed works are initiated that there will be no delay or departure from the planned timeframe in their completion, as has happened in the case of Carrick-on-Shannon.

In conclusion, as a long suffering Commercial Rate payer, I feel that the monies spent on projects such as these could be better utilised particularly in the areas of Disability Services for the young and encouraging local business development. Instead vast amounts of money are allocated to consultants and outside contractors. At the very least a local contractor should be used who would employ local people.

I trust that the above points which I have raised will be given due consideration by Leitrim Co. Council.

Yours Sincerely

PAULINE CROSSAN

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. We say that  $f$  is continuous at a point  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $|x - a| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - f(a)| < \epsilon$ .

Equivalently,  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = f(a)$ .

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. We say that  $f$  is continuous on a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  if  $f$  is continuous at every point  $a \in S$ .

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. We say that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  if for every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists a  $\delta > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in S$ , if  $|x - y| < \delta$ , then  $|f(x) - f(y)| < \epsilon$ .

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function. We say that  $f$  is Lipschitz continuous on a set  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  if there exists a constant  $L > 0$  such that for all  $x, y \in S$ ,  $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq L|x - y|$ .



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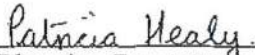
**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 - 2017, Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2018, Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03**

Dear Peter,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your further submission in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 Reference 20-C-03, received on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

The consultation period to allow any interested party to make any comments or submissions is open until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. If you have further comments, observations or submissions to make on this matter these should be sent in to the Planning Office, Leitrim County Council, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim before 4 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. All submissions received by that date will thereafter be duly considered.

Kind regards,

  
Patricia Healy  
Planning Department

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PLANNING SECRETARY  
LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

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04-11-2020

Dear SIRS MADAM,

Y wither to my earlier

suggestion of covering the tower from the O'Connell entrance or possibly from the library entrance, I would suggest removing O'Connell statue and if possible putting it "Him" in a well elevated position on the wall or grounds of the Protestant Church midway between Church entrance and the formerly Boston Shop. By doing that it would ~~create~~ create quite a bit of space, and it could create space for parking 9-10 extra cars from Reginald's, compare to formerly BILL Bodg's shop

A4, would leave the entrance to main Street further from corner with letter Usher. Wishing Dowlat mont every success and looking forward to hopefully see the final resolution.

Yours Respectfully,  
Peter McHugh "Peel"

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5<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Ref: 20-C-03

Valentine J. Fitzpatrick  
Main Street  
Mohill  
Co. Leitrim

**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 - 2017, Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2018, Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03**

Dear Valentine,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 Reference 20-C-03, received on 20<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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Kind regards,

  
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LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

20 OCT 2021

20-C-03

The Chief Planner  
L.C.C.  
Áras an Chontae

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to you regarding the new plans that are in the pipeline for the town of Mohill – particularly for parking arrangements and changes to the width of the Main Street - i.e. footpaths and roadway.

Before any work is commenced, I would like to point out that the parking in Lower Main Street is deplorable thanks to double yellow lines and the doing away of valuable space to make way for the Carolan Monument and a Titanic Memorial Chair. Both of these monuments are praiseworthy and pleasing to the eye but not at the expense of valuable parking space. Every Thursday the space beside them is taken up by two street traders – leaving no more parking space on that side. The far side of the street is fully occupied by the residents on that side. So, in other words no prospective customer can park in Bridge Street. Along with this difficulty the Hunt Hall School need to park cars at different time

The Main Street (at present having parking on both sides) is not able to take the owners and workers that use Main Street. I understand that there is to be no parking on the north side of the main street with the inevitable result of less parking spaces. The street (Lower Main) contains a pub, a butcher shop (with the prospect of another one), a chemist, an undertaker, a café, an insurance business, an office (Agricultural – Pure Bred Angus), an antique shop, a phone shop and a fancy goods shop (A&D). That constitutes 25 cars at least without counting customers. It's a miracle that Lower Main Street exists as a trading area at all. More than half of the people are country customers depending on having a reasonable parking facility. It is now proposed to limit the parking area instead of enlarging it. Years ago, a thriving supermarket had to close for lack of parking space. Are we lining up a few more to go to please the artistic notions of a few people – some who don't even live here?

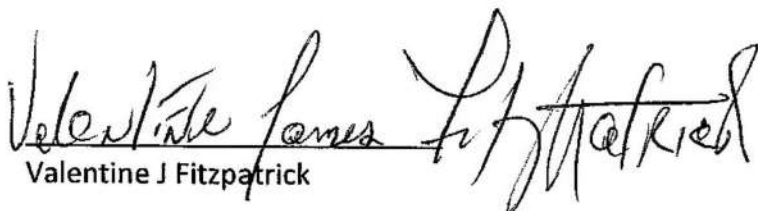
I understand there are plans for continental style footpaths to allow for people to eat and drink at tables under awnings. What about the weather from October to April (at least)? You cannot heat an area without walls and a roof. I have an outdoor smoking area and you couldn't get anyone to stay longer than it takes to smoke a hurried cigarette and that's with two walls and a roof. Continental style, how are you? This is Ireland and it's our customer we must cater for.

If the sidewalks advance on both sides how are the lorries going to meet and pass each other? They are finding it hard to negotiate at the moment. Lorries are getting bigger by the day. What about double bodied trailers?

Kerbs are supposed to be removed. What about the cascades of water that come down Lower Main Street during one of the downpours for six months or more? This could well get worse due to global warming. More gullies would be a help if they didn't get blocked up as they do at the moment. We must not forget that all this is taking place during lockdowns when traffic and people are down on the usual numbers.

I would think that whenever a major alteration is being planned for a once thriving town that the people of the area should be consulted about it. A plan displayed in a window or on the internet in very technical language is not the way to consult fully with the people concerned. They are not all architects or internet people - just ordinary folk who pay their rates if like me they are in business. They expect to be consulted and catered for. No county councillor has come around to gauge the thoughts of the residents on the matter. At election time they have no trouble contacting the voter. Believe me there are a lot of objections to this scheme concerning parking on Lower Main Street but Mohill people are well known for being easy to walk on. They would rather "bay at the moon" than stand up and voice their legitimate objections.

These are my objections and I remain with respect,

  
Valentine J Fitzpatrick

Oct 13th 2020  
Date

I would like to exempt Councillor Enda Stenson from any criticism I may have made regarding other public representatives.



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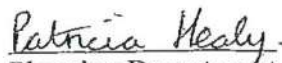
**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 - 2017, Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2018, Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03**

Dear Peter ,

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Kind regards,

  
Patricia Healy  
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Regards,

*Peter Carroll*  
Carrick Tib  
MAIN ST  
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Edel Rowley

Mohill  
Co. Leitrim

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Mark Rowley  
Hyde Street  
Mohill  
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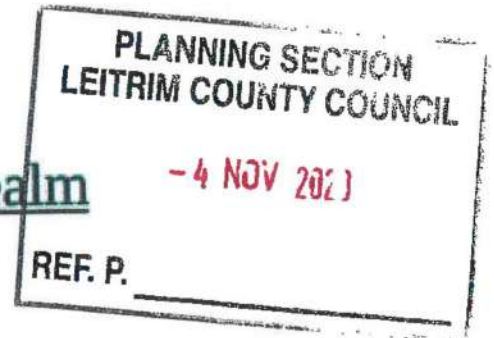


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Regards,



Marc Rowley







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Helen Rowley  
Hyde Street  
Mohill  
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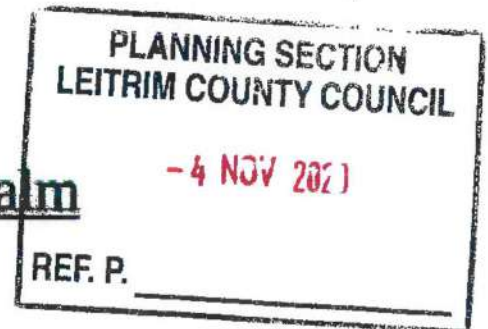


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Joseph Rowley  
Main Street  
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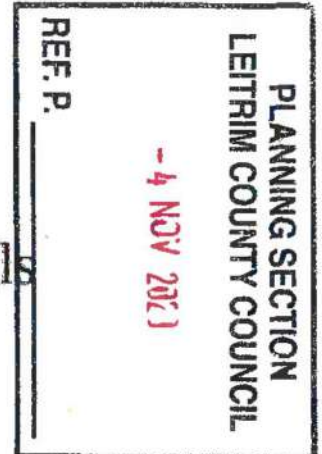


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Fahay Sarfraz  
Hot Spot Tec  
Main Street  
Mohill  
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Dear Fahay,

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Regards, ~~Fathima~~ Sarfraz

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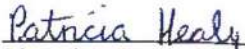
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| LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL<br>Dear Sirs/Madam, |   |

Having read in the Observer of PLANS FOR MOHILL AND requesting submissions it brought into my mind what I suggested 25-30 yrs ago. It was suggesting to cover the river from the Castle entrance for 60 yds which would give parking for 20 cars. At that time DA Dolen was conducting business practically opposite the Castle entrance, and BARTERS was operating at the corner. It might still be a good proposition.

Yours Respectfully  
 Peter Peckwith

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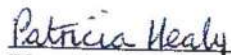
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21st October 2020

**Re: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I was very pleased to hear about Leitrim County Council's proposal to undertake a Public Realm Improvement Scheme within the town centre. I own the premises known as "Big John's Restaurant" in upper Main Street, the premises has been in the family for generations, having previously operated as a drapery store. Mohill is long overdue a major facelift. I have watched with dismay over the years, as the town has continuously decayed from the thriving market town that it once was.

Having viewed the Council's proposal for an aesthetic enhancement to the town centre I welcome many aspects of the proposal. However, I am alarmed by the plan's proposal to alter the existing car parking provision on Main Street. The population of Mohill is not sufficient to sustain the existing commercial and retail properties in the town let alone support the re-opening of the many vacant commercial / retail premises that litter the town. Mohill depends on the surrounding hinterland to sustain the businesses that are presently in operation. The people required to support the commercial viability of the town need to travel to it. Mohill is not adequately serviced with public transport and the demographic of the surrounding area is rural with people relying on their cars for transport. Accordingly, it is vital that any plan for the development of Mohill can provide for the vehicles required to take the necessary people to the town.

The proposed absence of car parking will no doubt result in less people visiting. People passing through will not stop if there isn't suitable parking and the proposed development will compound the demise of Mohill further rather than enhance and revitalise the town.

To conclude I am fully supportive of plans to enhance the existing town, however, it needs to be in a manner which will provide for the needs of the town so that going forward it can grow and become a vibrant thriving town which it once was. I acknowledge that times have changed greatly, however, cars for the foreseeable future are a fundamental requirement for people in rural Ireland and they need to be accommodated, for any plan to be successful.

Yours sincerely,

*Pat Reynolds*

27. 10. 20



Pat Reynolds  
Trayne  
Mohill  
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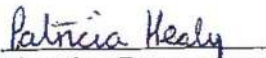
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Planning Department





03 NOV 2020

Dear Sirs.

Objection to Mohill Public Realm  
improvement scheme part 8.

I wish to object to the proposal of  
Mohill town centre

My concerns are removal of parking spaces  
and narrowing of streets which is not  
suitable for our town.

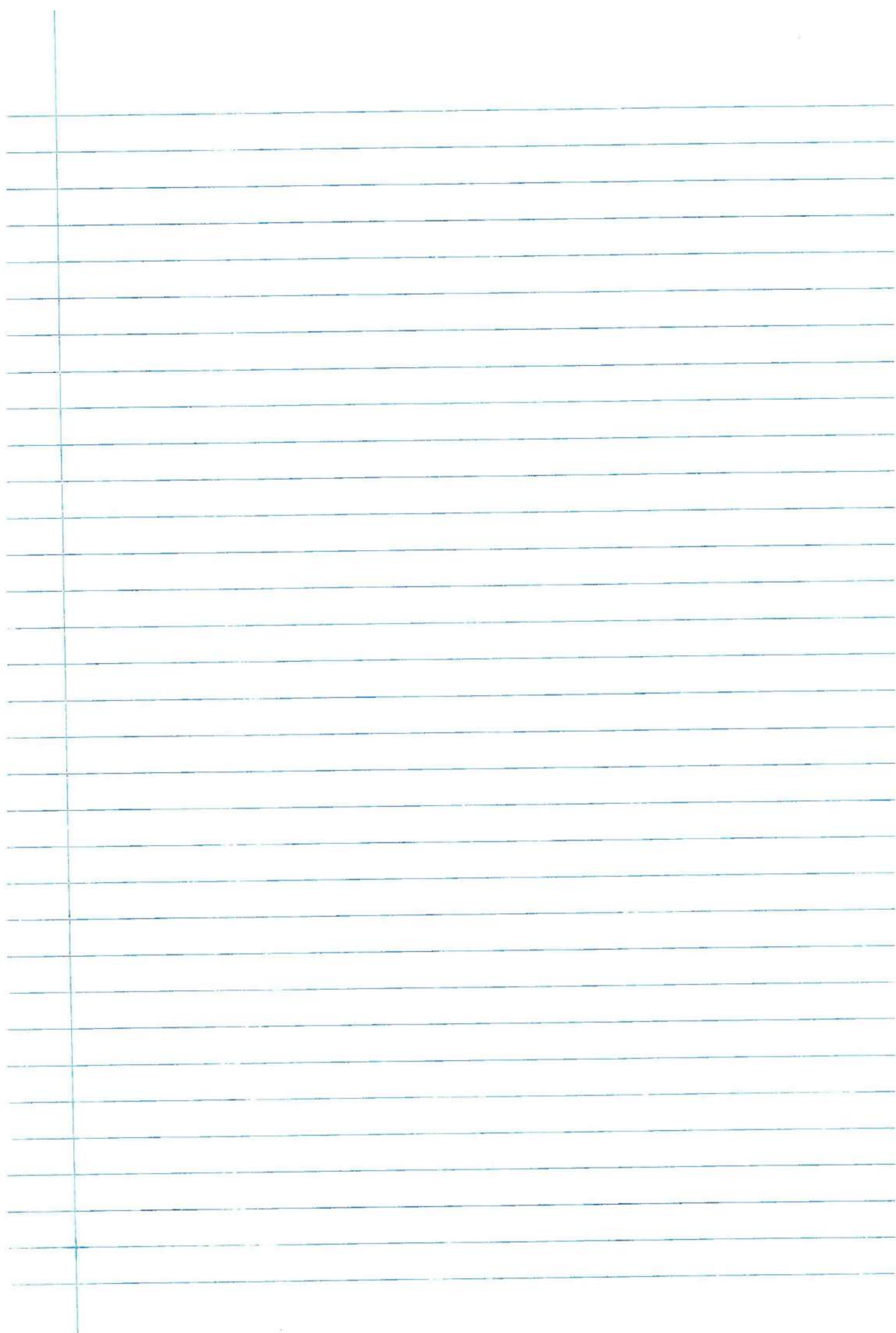
We have a livestock mart in our town and  
on days which are busy we have large cattle  
trucks jeeps and trailers moving through town  
so as regards to cyclists motorists by  
law are required to leave 1.5 metre and  
1 metre space for road safety

As regards seating on our streets we do  
not have a suitable climate for this purpose

People need to be able to park outside or  
close to business premises. I have a dry  
cleaning and laundry service and people cannot  
be expected to carry large bags long distances  
in poor weather conditions.

We are supposed to be an age friendly  
town so we have to respect our elderly. We have  
a day care centre in town and people need to  
walk there. I would propose speed ramps and  
pedestrian crossings to control traffic as  
traffic is very busy and moves very fast  
through our town

Anne Conway  
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**Eileen Keenehan**

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**From:** Eileen Keenehan  
**Sent:** 03 November 2020 13:16  
**To:**  
**Subject:** MOHILL PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT SCHEME PART 8 - REFERENCE 20-C-03

Dear Sean,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to Part VIII – Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 2020.

Regards

Eileen



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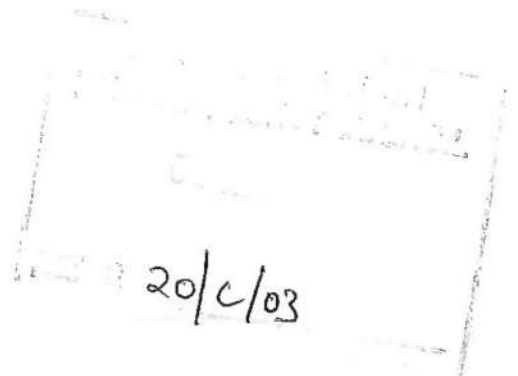
"Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Part 8"

I am the owner of the area known as "The Butter Market" since 1999. It is my private property. I have invested considerable amount of money on my premises in recent years and will soon have a restaurant operating there. I also plan to provide accommodation in the new year. Between staff, customers, guests, staying and people making deliveries I will need all of the parking spaces for my business.

In view of this and the fact that the development of the back lands is not part of this application I will not give my permission for the butter market to be used as any part of this current application.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Clarke.





**Eileen Keenehan**

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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 03 November 2020 08:44  
**To:** Eileen Keenehan; Finbarr Keaney  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8  
**Attachments:** buttermarket.docx

Hi

Please see Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Thanks

Pamela

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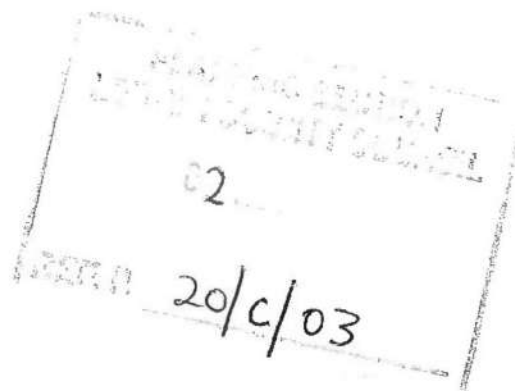
**From:** Anella Mulliga  
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**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8

FAO Senior Planner.

Please find submission/objection

Regards,

Sean Clarke







**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 02 November 2020 16:28  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 - Reference 20-C-03

Dear Sean,

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Regards,

Patricia

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"Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Part 8"

I am the owner of the premises known as The Spirit Bar and Clarkes on Upper Main St. Mohill. This also includes the area known as "The Butter Market". I have owned these properties for the past 21years.

I welcome the plan to improve the town and I am delighted that funding is been made available for this. I have studied the plans and there are some very good aspects in it but everything is overshadowed by the ridiculous proposal to reduce the parking on Main Street. Mohill is a small market town, and the people that do business there are from the town itself and the surrounding areas. Their preference is to drive into town and park convenient to where they are doing business. If this is taken away they will just go to the nearest Tesco, Lidl or other big stores with parking spaces outside the door.

I have invested a considerable amount of money on refurbishing my premises in the past 2 to 3 years. In the past month someone has agreed terms to operate the kitchen and restaurant area. This would create 8-10 jobs and also result in extra footfall in the area. One of the attractions for them was the available parking on the main street in front of the building. If those parking spaces are taken away they will likely have second thoughts about the deal.

In conclusion, while I welcome the proposal to rejuvenate the town centre, I have to object to the removal of the parking spaces from the main street. Every business needs convenient parking and without it the chances of survival would be greatly reduced.

Yours sincerely,

Sean Clarke.





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2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020

Ref: 20-C-03

Ms. Dolly Reynolds  
Lower Main Street  
Mohill  
Co. Leitrim

**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 - 2017, Planning & Development  
Regulations, 2001 - 2018, Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03**

Dear Dolly,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 Reference 20-C-03, received on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

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Kind regards,

*Patricia Healy*  
Planning Department

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**DOLLY REYNOLDS**  
**LOWER MAIN STREET, MOHILL, CO LEITRIM, [REDACTED]**

The Senior Planner  
Aras an Chontae  
Carrick on Shannon  
Co Leitrim



27 October 2020

**Re: Objection to Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8**

Dear Sir or Madam

We are residents on the corner of Lower Main Street and Castle Street, Mohill, and we wish to raise objections to the proposals for Mohill town at our residence as currently proposed.

The issues we have concern parking and traffic volumes:

**Parking Facilities**

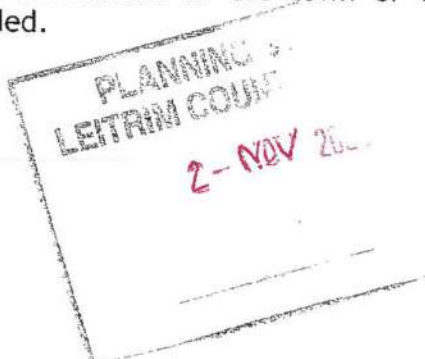
**Dolly:** I am an elderly lady with medical conditions. I rely on my car on a daily basis to go about my business, and it is imperative that I have parking outside my home.

**Justin:** I look after my elderly mother. I also have a part-time job, and it is imperative that I have parking facilities to enable me carry out my functions on a daily basis.

We understand from the proposals that parking around in this area will be reduced to 12 spaces. This is very concerning as there are a number of elderly people also living in this vicinity that need parking facilities.

There are also two busy businesses beside us that would rely on parking for their clients. There are also occupied apartments above these businesses, whose occupants also need parking facilities.

We cannot understand how reducing parking facilities on Main Street and Castle Street, will help local businesses in the town or encourage new enterprise, which is badly needed.



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### Traffic volumes from Castle Street

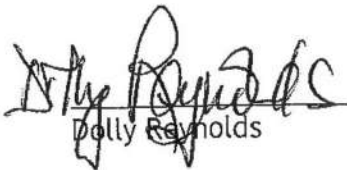
There are also grave concerns if, as proposed, the two feeder lanes of traffic at the junction of Castle Street/Lower Main Street is reduced to one lane of traffic.

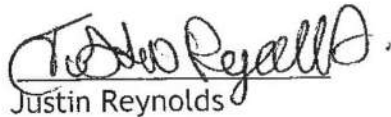
At present, the volume of traffic using this route is extremely high and if the proposal goes ahead, there will be nothing but high volumes of traffic backed up, causing congestion and rendering it impossible for the residents of this area to be able to park/reverse their cars without causing an obstruction, or worse case, an accident.

Apart from our concerns above, we welcome this Plan for Mohill, which is long overdue. It would be great to see the centre of town coming alive again with new businesses and the opening up of vacant houses and buildings.

We believe a lot can be achieved for Mohill, but consultation with the local people is imperative.

Yours faithfully

  
Dolly Reynolds

  
Justin Reynolds





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Ref: 20-C-03

Mohammad Imran  
Main Street  
Mohill  
Co. Leitrim

**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 - 2017, Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2018, Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03**

Dear Mohammad,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 Reference 20-C-03, received on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2020.

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Kind regards,

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CORPORATE SERVICES

02 NOV 2020

LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

Dear Sirs,

**Objection To: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.**

While I welcome the idea of potential funding opportunities, capital investment and much needed works in Mohill town by Leitrim County Council, I have grave concerns with aspects of this plan. Therefore I wish to raise objections to the proposals for Mohill Town centre as currently proposed and displayed.

My primary concern with the project as envisaged is the detrimental impact the proposed removal of car parking spaces will have on the residential and commercial future of the town. As tenants running a busy fast food business in the town, I believe any loss of parking in the town, without a viable alternative will severely impact the vitality and viability of business on the Main Street. In the interests of good retail and accessibility, the existing parking provision in the town should be maintained. In these uncertain times when the impacts of covid have had such negative impacts on business in general, but particularly small retail, it is important that no actions that further disadvantage small business take place in our town. As a fast food provider it is essential to our business that our delivery driver and our customers can park as close to our property as possible. Our business model is based on speed and convenience, both of which will be negatively impacted by the removal of parking from Main Street. Loss of on street parking close to our business would be a major issue of concern, and would be a serious factor in whether or not we would be renewing our tenancy going forward. Mohill is a great town and vibrant community and our business has thrived with our central location on a prominent busy street with good parking and access, please keep it that way.

Regards,

MOHAMMAD IMRAN

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PLANNING SECTION  
LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL

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**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 02 November 2020 09:53  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Colin,

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Patricia Healy

**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 02 November 2020 08:37  
**To:** Finbarr Keaney; Patricia Healy  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Objection to Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Part 8.

Hi

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Regards

Pamela

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**From:** COLIN DEERIN  
**Sent:** 01 November 2020 13:25  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Objection to Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Part 8.

Senior Planner,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co. Leitrim.

Castle Street,  
Mohill,

Dear Sirs,

Objection to Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Part 8.

As residents on Castle Street, my wife and I wish to raise objections to the proposals for Mohill town centre as currently proposed and displayed.

Our Concerns on a personal level revolve around several points;

- The removal of parking spaces from our street, from 20 spaces excluding one allocated disabled parking space and a designated trading area to 12 spaces in total with no designated disabled parking or trading area as laid out in the proposed plans for the street outside our property. The proposed new layout will also be impacted by the residents of Lower Main Street having to park their cars in what is already a busy parking area in the town.

This street has a very busy Physiotherapy clinic and Nail Bar which means that current parking facilities need to be retained.

We need parking outside our home due to one member of our household having a long term significant disability and also a young child. Parking in our street (Castle Street) is not "hap-hazard" as has been stated in the justification for change.

- Hindered access to a private gateway/entry which currently is marked as a "No Parking" area by Leitrim Co-Co. Under the proposed plans, this would become a pedestrian only area with

two bollards at its edge. This would hinder access for cars and trailers to the rear of our property.

- The current street levels outside our property are above our floor level which is unsatisfactory as things stand; however, the plans indicate a "ramp up" into the Shared Space which would further increase the datum to even higher levels.
- The current road width at the Lower Main Street Side of Castle Street beside Reynolds Public House is such that facilitates two feeder lanes for turning either up Main Street or left to Cloone/Lough Rynn. This means that congestion is limited as traffic is filtered both ways. Under the development proposals this would become one lane only. Castle Street (R202) provides the only access for our town for traffic from East Leitrim/Cavan/Fermanagh areas. The volume of traffic is very sizeable and would congest this street and render reverse parking into spaces virtually impossible. This is especially prevalent during Mart days, on Thursdays when the Market Stalls are on Castle Street and also Church Services, Weddings and Funerals in particular in St. Marys Church (C of I). This church completely relies upon on-street parking.

Our other concerns are around the proposals for ~~rest of our town~~. They include:

- The demographics of the residents on Main Street confirm the absolute necessity for parking being available in the immediate vicinity of their homes and businesses. There are not too many 75+ year old residents willing to park in the Glebe Street car park and walk with bags of groceries in the rain to their homes. After all, this is the North West of Ireland, not the sunnier South East.
- The current width of the various areas on Main Street can facilitate parking on both sides, the ~~passing of~~ articulated trucks and adequate pedestrian walkways.

How will creating wider footpaths, reducing road widths and removing parking, enhance/encourage local businesses to flourish in our town? We have recently had a new café (Bellz Café) open and a New Deli Butchers premises is currently under construction. This is a significant investment into Mohill and is a sign of intent on the part of these businesses and therefore should be encouraged. The proposed development plans however may persuade them to go elsewhere.

- The town's river that has been described as a stagnant body of water. Water quality in this river has been questionable in the past due to leakage of sewage into this body of water. The potential pollution flowing into Lough Rynn which accommodates our caravan park and renowned rowing facilities will have a detrimental impact on this area. In addition, the river wall that runs from the community hospital footbridge to the main entrance to the Castle and hospital is in a serious state of disrepair and a huge Health & Safety risk. Large pieces of stone masonry have already fallen into the river.

While enhancing the town is in everybody's interests; neglecting to solve these problems firstly could have significant visual/odour and Health & Safety issues for the people of the town and tourists alike.

If the proposals in their current format proceed and without the need for the gift of clairvoyance; I can envisage the town as indicated in the architect's photomontage with premises closed and boarded up. Visitors to the town will be driving around the town looking for somewhere to park in order to avail of this beautiful creation. As our proposed parking for Main Street is in Glebe Street and nowhere near to the main thoroughfare, these potential customers will continue on their way to Carrick-on-Shannon, Main Street. Once again, they will struggle to park and go for a coffee but not to worry....Sligo is just 55Km away via the N4. People nowadays require convenience to shop or live; not a hike or orienteering lesson to get to their destination.

On a more positive note, Mohill town and its people have so much to offer; from our aforementioned renowned rowing facilities at Lough Rynn, Lough Rynn Castle, and Caravan Park to town's diverse range of businesses. Mohill community college opened in 2008 with a new build with state-of-the-art facilities. The town also offers excellent childcare and primary school services. Our newly renovated Library was due to be opened in March but due to Covid19 restrictions; this has been delayed. As you may gather from the examples shown above; this town is not resistant to change/improvement as long as it meets the needs of its people.

With regards to the development proposals, there are also some aspects of the proposal that meet our approval, namely the modifications to St. Marys Church boundary wall. This we believe, will enhance the visual façade of the building while also improving visibility at the church gate.

My wife and I believe that with public consultation on the way ahead for our town; improvements that have the people of this town at its heart could be made that would encourage businesses to flourish and vacant premises renovated and opened. This would enhance the towns appeal to people and they, in turn would want to come and visit Mohill and spend their hard-earned euros here.

Yours Sincerely,

Colin Deering

Eva Deering

William Deering

Castle Street

Mohill.





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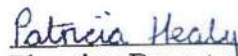
**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 - 2017, Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2018, Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03**

Dear Marie,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 Reference 20-C-03, received on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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Kind regards,

  
Patricia Healy  
Planning Department





Gortagullion  
Keshcarrigan  
Co Leitrim  
29th Oct 2020

To whom it may concern  
in the planning department  
with reference to the plans  
for the redevelopment of Mohill.

### Comments

1. There appears to have been little or any old fashioned market research done amongst the general population in and around Mohill. Not everyone belongs to committees. Asking people to comment on plans already commissioned is not the same.
2. Looking at the amount of outdoor seating I do wonder if the weather in the north west Ireland has been taken into consideration; it's mainly wet. Nobody wants to sit on wet, cold seats or in the rain even the youngsters. However they would be used by state boarders. The (the seating) appears to be too low for the elderly to use easily.
3. Admittedly parking in Main Street Glee Street and Hyle Street can be a nuisance but I could see no real alternative. If a car park was immediately off the Main Street so shoppers etc did not have to walk for in the rain. Otherwise to remove, even some of the Main

that parking, will be detrimental to businesses there. The car park in Glebe Street is miserably full, it is not big enough. Market research would have shown that many people who shop in Mill come from a long way out of town. People are not going to cycle or walk miles.

4. With the move to increase the use of electric or hybrid vehicles there are the recharging points to be. Currently there is one.

5. The new modern "pillar" lighting is totally out of keeping with the town. I could see no reference to light pollution in the designers' notes.

6. I could see no disabled parking marked. Currently, although the disabled parking areas are of an excellent size, for a wheelchair user they are useless. As a wheelchair user, I can get my chair out of the car in the designated space but cannot get it on to the pavement as the kerbs are too high. I have to die with death with the traffic by going up the road to find somewhere to find a lowered bit of pavement. Lowering the kerb to the rear of the designated space would be most sensible.

7. Currently the biggest problem regards traffic occurs at the Hyde/Glebe Street Main Street cross roads with so much through traffic from all directions which I doubt the plans would deal with possibly



7. cont. traffic lights might be more appropriate.

8. Congratulations are due for the painting of buildings it has certainly improved the look of the town.

I have no objection, in fact it is much needed, to improving the look of both Glete Street and Hyde Street, they are very gloomy and not encouraging. I do like the "cannon ball" bollards and some of the "greening" of Mohill - but not quite as already proposed. I am delighted about the development of the Greenway and Blueway. A sensible idea and will be used once established by walkers and cyclists. The proposed plan for St. Mary's church wall has merit and would be less austere than it is now.

Finally be wary of too much and too modern development. If my foreign visitors are anything to go by it is the "old fashioned" look of Mohill they find attractive. I applaud the desire to get more people cycling and walking but the habit won't happen overnight. Of course the topography of the town will put many people off either activity. I would suggest that if there is money

for all this redevelopment it might be better spent encouraging new and varied businesses into the many empty properties. Without them there is little to encourage people into town.

Vandalism will more than likely cause many problems, certainly initially, if those plans are foisted on Mohill. Maybe once the town becomes somewhere worth shopping in redevelopment would then make sense. At the moment it seems to me the cart is before the horse.

Yours sincerely,

E. Anne Gilpin



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30<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Ref: 20-C-03

Ms. Marie Barry  
Marie's Deli  
Upper Main Street  
Mohill  
Co. Leitrim

**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 - 2017, Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 - 2018, Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03**

Dear Marie,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 Reference 20-C-03, received on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

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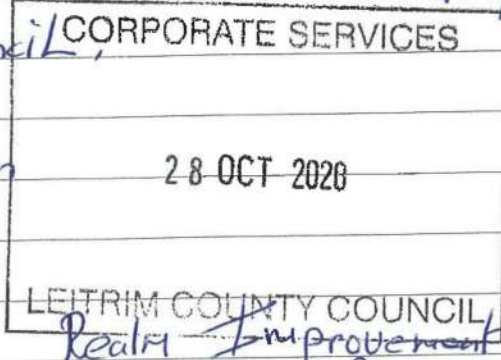
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20 OCT 2020

The Senior Planner.

22/10/20

Leitrim County Council,  
Araas An Chontae.  
Carrick-on-Shannon  
County Leitrim



Mohill Public  
Scheme Part 8.

I Marie Barry of Marie's Deli am delighted to see Leitrim County Council proposal to undertake a Public Realm Improvement Scheme within the town, it be so nice to see the town updated, My only concern is in Relation to the Plans to alter the existing on street Car Parking provisions and the effect this will have on all business.

I will work with Leitrim County Council any way I can. The plans can only be successful if appropriate Parking is provided; without Parking people will not stop on Main St to do business in any of the shops, and business will suffer big time, with Covid 19 it is a very stressful time at present.

I believe that people travelling through the town of Mohill will no longer stop if sufficient parking bays aren't provided to meet customers needs.

Yours Sincerely,  
Marie Barry.

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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 30 October 2020 11:42  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Fintan,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 30 October 2020 09:40  
**To:** Finbarr Keaney; Patricia Healy  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm

Hi

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Regards

Pamela

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**From:** fintan greena  
**Sent:** 29 October 2020 18:17  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm

Dear Senior Planner,

**RE Area C Main Street / Green Lane / Butter Market**

As one of the few residents on Main street, Mohill I am delighted to see plans to develop the town centre, However, I have some concerns in relation to the proposed plans to place 'Vertical Totems with options for incorporated signage/ lighting' directly outside my personal residence.

My main concern is that your plan shows one of the lights right outside my living room and bedroom windows. This will have a significant negative impact on my living space and more importantly my ability to sleep.

You should note too, my property also encompasses a self contained flat with further living and bedroom spaces facing the Main Street. I'd ask that you consider this and the needs of any residents there before you finalise your plans.

As a suggestion, lighting could be placed at the end of Green Lane where there is a need for lighting to ensure better security and safety for citizens and this would avoid any negative impact on the residential amenities of Main Street.

Kind Regards  
Fintan Greenan.



**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 30 October 2020 12:13  
**To:**  
**Subject:** MOHILL PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT SCHEME-PART 8

Dear Julie,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Pubic Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 30 October 2020 09:41  
**To:** Finbarr Keaney, Patricia Healy  
**Cc:** Mairead Shanley  
**Subject:** FW: OBJECTION TO: MOHILL PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT SCHEME-PART 8

Hi

Please see Part 8 Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Regards

Pamela

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Julie Earley  
**Sent:** 29 October 2020 16:32  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** OBJECTION TO: MOHILL PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENT SCHEME-PART 8

To whom it may concern

I would like to raise objections to the proposals regarding Mohill Town centre as currently proposed.

Where I think it is great that Leitrim Co. Co. are interested in investing in our town (which really needs a boost), we are very concerned as commercial rate payers that the loss of parking would be detrimental to the running of our business The Green Rooster. It is essential that parking on the Main Street is retained and indeed a lot of the time increased.

There are several businesses on Upper Main Street that require substantial parking The Bank of Ireland staff and customers being just one of these and I wonder where are the plans to include a substantial car park on Main Street?

There are many other ways to enhance Mohill, I could supply a few ideas if requested which would be of a benefit to our town. We already have good width to our footpaths and do not require them to be any wider.

Kind regards

Julie Earley  
The Green Rooster  
Main Street  
Mohill  
Co. Leitrim

Sent from my iPhone



## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 30 October 2020 11:40  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear Gavin,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 30<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Regards,

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Senior Planner  
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Carrick on Shannon,  
Co Leitrim  
planning@leitrimcoco.ie  
28/10/2020

**Objection to : 'Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8'**

Dear Sirs

I am contacting you in regard to the proposed Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Part 8 and specifically to the proposal to significantly reduce the car parking spaces on Main Street and the widening of the footpaths.

In August 2019, I purchased a commercial and residential property formally known as “Green’s Restaurant” on Lower Main Street, Mohill, with the intention of opening a Butchers/Deli and outside catering business on the ground floor and converting the upstairs of the building into, two, 1 bedroom residential apartments.

I made an application for planning in late 2019, to Leitrim Co Council to start works on the above proposal and secured planning approval in May 2020. The planning application required the services of engineer and thereafter, a specialised engineer to carry out additional plans for the shop front design in line with the conservation of the town at the behest of Leitrim Co Co which was an additional cost. The work on this project has now started.

At the end of September last, I was made aware of the proposed plans for the town, by a resident of Main Street, Mohill.

Firstly, I would like to say, I am encouraged, as a new business owner, who is making a significant personal investment in the town, by the fact the County Council are proposing some much needed improvements to the town landscape and the significant level of funding that is to be made available for these improvements is most welcome.

I do however have serious concerns at the proposed reductions of car parking spaces on Main Street as outlined in the plans. It seems totally unethical, that all the while my planning application was in progress, that in tandem with this, the proposed plans for the town, which have significant implications for my new business, was also taking place, and that at no point, did the County Council, its relevant departments or local representatives bring these plans to my attention. The fact that there was no engagement with potential and existing business owners is a serious omission on the part of a “body” whose purpose is to serve the community.

I presently run a butcher shop in the neighbouring town of Drumlish, in Co Longford and have done so for the past 14 years. I have seen, first hand, what the detrimental ramifications are of widening

footpaths and reducing car parking spaces, can have on a business. In fact, the primary reason for wanting to relocate to Mohill was because of the slight improvement of car parking availability for customers by comparison.

As a local, I am not just a potential business proprietor, I myself go into the town on a regular basis and try to "shop local" as much as possible. It is my preference to park outside, or as close as I can, to where I intend to carry out my business. The proposed idea that people will park away from where they need to go and "walk the town" is not a concept that has any hard evidence to back it up, especially when you take into consideration the Irish climate or the mobility of our older population. People have busy lives; working, collecting children from schools, going to appointments etc. and don't have time to "walk" the town or carry shopping bags around with them for that matter. They need close, convenient parking, period. In my opinion, the reason why the car park on Glebe Street is underutilised is because it is not convenient! If the people of Mohill and the surrounding areas have a preference to park on Main Street, that "choice" should not be impacted by a significant reduction of car parking spaces on Main Street as proposed in these plans. It is possible, that if there is any reduction of car parking spaces on Main Street, people will travel elsewhere, to the bigger towns where ample car parking spaces are available outside the doors of business' such as Aldi, Lidl and Tesco in Carrick on Shannon. I am concerned that the architects employed to draw up these plans, who (and I quote) "anticipate that residents of Mohill will shift from car to foot and bicycle to access local services," have completely excluded all the people from the surrounding parishes of the town, such as Eslin, Gortvagh, Cloone, Aughavas, Gortletteragh, Bornacoola etc. in their thinking. Their plans are simply not in line with the wants and needs of the larger communities who boarder the town and who will potentially bring their business elsewhere if it is more convenient to do so, due to lack of convenient parking. I understand that a group of Students from Queens University Belfast, carried out a survey of the town and its parking arrangements. What level of knowledge did these persons have of the town and what understanding did they have of the geography of the area? Perhaps it would have made much more sense to consult with locals, who understand the needs, know the area and have a keen, personal interest in the town and most importantly, its future.

The proposed works on the building I have invested in, on the Main Street, has two, 1 Bedroom apartments overhead. Any potential occupants will be a welcome bonus to the town in terms of them conducting their business locally. Where will they park? The residents on lower Main Street in particular, find it very difficult to park outside their residence as it is. The idea of reducing car parking spaces from Main Street is totally immoral and a major concern in its own right for the people who live there.

In conclusion, I am strongly objecting to the plans as proposed as I do not agree with the reduction of car parking spaces on Main Street and the widening of the footpaths. I have worked in retail for the 23 years and the main concern for every retailer is accessible and convenient parking for their customers. Without this, you are fighting a losing battle in terms of staying afloat. If the parking on Main Street is reduced in anyway, I will not be proceeding with my proposed venture. Instead, I will be cutting my losses now and the premises will remain a "closed shop" as it has done for the last thirty years.

Yours sincerely,

Gavin Mitchel

## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 29 October 2020 11:47  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill public realm improvement scheme Part 8 - Reference 20-C-03

Dear Julie,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 29 October 2020 11:42  
**To:** Finbarr Keaney; Patricia Healy  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill public realm improvement scheme part 8

Hi Finbarr/Patricia

Please see Part 8 Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Thanks

Pamela

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Julie Bradshaw  
**Sent:** 29 October 2020 10:32  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill public realm improvement scheme part 8

Dear Sir or Madam

Mohill Public Realm improvement Scheme part 8.

Regarding the above scheme I wish to say that I am very much against the proposed plans for the following reasons.

I am a resident on Main Street ,Mohill Co. Leitrim. My mother lives there. Ever since I heard about the plans for the town I am disgusted to think of all the things that could be done to enhance the town of Mohill.

The sewerage problem which smells at our front door is unreal by times and I might add roots of trees do not go hand in hand with old pipes under ground also fixing footpaths that are a trip hazard as at my front door is a perfect example.

We also have an entry with 3 right of ways which we need to have full access at all times.

It would suit the council better to help residents fix up their property if in need of repair rather than making them pay rates and then to be wasted on planting trees and stop people parking in front of their own property and stopping people parking outside business where we need people to support and stay and shop in Mohill.

Finally I would like to say that whoever had this light bulb moment would want to go back to sleep, I would put it up there with Eamon Ryans moment in the Dail for all the south facing windows to have a window box disgraceful what a waste of tax payers money.

It is great to see new business Open and property being bought in Mohill, I think at least they deserve parking in front of their premises for their business to do well And help the town to wake up again.

Yours faithfully  
Julie Bradshaw  
Sent from my iPhone



## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 29 October 2020 10:38  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 reference 20-C-03

Dear Kathryn,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 29 October 2020 09:08  
**To:** Finbarr Keaney; Patricia Healy  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8

Hi

Please see Part 8 Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Thanks

Pamela

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Kathryn Bradshaw  
**Sent:** 28 October 2020 17:35  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8

Dear Sir or Madam

Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8

Regarding the above scheme I wish to say that I am very much against the proposed plans for the following reasons:

I am a resident in Main Street, Mohill and feel I should be able to park my car at my premises.

As I am nearly 68 years old and when I do my weekly shop I don't think it is fair to expect someone of my age to carry their bags a long journey.

Also if I go out some where at night and arrive home at say 11.00 or 12.00 midnight I would not feel safe to have to walk some distance to my home.

Presently the parking in Mohill is quite limited and no one is able to answer the question as to where the new parking would be.

It has also been brought to my attention that the value of my property may fall if the above proposed plan takes place.

It would also be very unfair to the business people in this town as customers would not stop to shop if they could not get parked in the Main Street.

Presently there is a dip in the pavement at my premises which is very dangerous and I would love to see that repaired and also it would be great if the sewerage problem could be fixed as the smell can sometimes be shocking. There could be a lot of improvements made to Mohill town which would enhance it without taking away our right to park at our own homes.

Yours faithfully

Kathryn Bradshaw  
Main Street, Mohill, Co Leitrim



**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 29 October 2020 10:34  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 Reference No. 20-C-03

Dear John,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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Castle Street,  
Mohill,  
Co. Leitrim.  
27-10-2020.

To whom it may concern,

This is an objection to Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme, Part 8.

As owners of a residential/business property potential in Castle Street, we wish to raise numerous concerns and objections to the proposals set out for Mohill town in this Improvement Scheme.

Our concern is the removal of car parking spaces from the Castle Street area. The 'proposed' new layout will impact negatively on our family as we will not be able to park outside of our premises and this will prove most inconvenient. The building adjacent to our property is also a family owned residence where parking is of the utmost importance for the residents.

On the opposite side of our residence is Arus O'Carolan Community Nursing Unit. Street - Parking is of the utmost importance for removal and funerals taking place. Also visitors to the Nursing Unit require a place to park whilst visiting family and neighbours.

The Hunt National School is situated on Castle Street Mohill. Parents dropping children to and from school require on street parking. The Hunt Hall located on Castle Street is used for regular fundraisers, events and functions in conjunction with St. Mary's Church, Mohill and require on-street parking.

We would also like to draw your attention to the following:

- The one way system approach from the Ballinamore/Enniskillen Road is not clearly marked and would benefit from clear and large signage. As the signage is poor, cars often continue straight over Glebe Street into oncoming traffic. This could result in fatalities.
- No stop signs evident at the junction at O'Carolan monument
- The River Wall in front of Arus O'Carolan Nursing Unit is an extremely deteriorated state. It is unsafe and is extremely unstable.
- Parking on both sides of the road on Glebe Street makes it especially difficult if a large vehicle or HGV is trying to drive over the street and this usually results in the vehicle having to wait until cars have been moved. There is a designated car park on



Glebe Street Mohill and the flow of traffic would benefit if there was parking on only one side of the street

- Dimly lit beacons evident at the pedestrian crossing at both the top and bottom of the town which are covered in dirt and moss making them difficult to see.
- Dangerous junction in the middle of the town would benefit from traffic lights. This would assist in the free flow of traffic throughout the town and allow crossing in a safe manner.

These proposed plans in the Mohill Public Realm Scheme seem to have been drawn up by someone with very little knowledge of the town, streets and businesses. These proposed changes will impact negatively on our town.

Yours Sincerely,

John Boddy

Ivy Boddy

Zena Boddy.





**Patricia Healy**

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 29 October 2020 10:28  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part VIII 20-C-03

Dear Gerry,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission in relation to the Part VIII - Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Reference 20-C-03 proposed by Leitrim County Council which was received on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Regards,

Patricia

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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Pamela Moran on behalf of planning  
**Sent:** 28 October 2020 09:59  
**To:** Finbarr Keaney; Patricia Healy  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme

Hi Finbarr/Patricia

Please see submission regarding Mohill Public Realm Scheme.

Thanks

Pamela

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**From:** Gerry McGee  
**Sent:** 27 October 2020 19:56  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme

FAO: Senior Planner

As a resident of Glebe St., Mohill for the past 55 years, and a former County Councillor, I submit that the proposed doubling of the width of the footpaths on one side of the street and the complete elimination of parking on the opposite side as shown in drawing EX003-SP003 will encourage more illegal parking.

It would appear that the proposals do not account for the volume of commercial traffic, both local and Northern, which currently enter the town from the ballinamore road and turn into Water Street. This already tight junction will become further restricted under the proposed plan, making it a danger area for turning lorries, cars and pedestrians alike.

Furthermore it appears that several ramps are to be installed on Glebe St. I fail to see the necessity of these ramps if the current 50kph speed limit is applied and enforced.

In regard to the parking spaces indicated to the North end of Glebe St, has the Leitrim Co Co acquired ownership of this site? As the current 5No. Spaces indicated would not currently fit in the area of the existing public footpath.

A short onsite discussion could eliminate a lot of possible future problems.

Should you wish to clarify or discuss any of my above points further please feel free to contact me.

Kind regards  
Gerry McGee



## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 15:49  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 - 20-C-03

Dear Evelyn,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 Reference 20-C-03, received 20<sup>th</sup> October.

The consultation period to allow any interested party to make any comments or submissions is open until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. If you have further comments, observations or submissions to make on this matter these should be sent in to the Planning Office, Leitrim County Council, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim before 4 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. All submissions received by that date will thereafter be duly considered.

Kind regards,

Patricia

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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Finbarr Keaney  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 09:48  
**To:** Patricia Healy  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8

Submission received on C-20-03.

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**From:** Pamela Moran **On Behalf Of** planning  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 08:55  
**To:** Finbarr Keaney; Mairead Shanley  
**Cc:** Bernard Greene  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8

Hi

Please see Part 8 Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Regards

Pamela

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**From:** Evie Mulkerrins  
**Sent:** 20 October 2020 18:59  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to the current proposals for upgrade and improvements to Mohill town centre as currently outlined.

My reasons for objections are as follows:

The radical reduction of car parking which will severely impact those with small children and moreso the older population, the most vulnerable in our society. People come from all the surrounding areas, Eslin, Gortletteragh, Cloone, Bornacoola, Fenagh etc. Some of these people are compromised by different illnesses and/or by aging. Some cannot walk very far and many depend on their local shops for their paper, shopping and most importantly for social interaction. These are the people who contribute to local businesses, not the passers -by, enroute to the north and other places who never stop or spend a cent in the town.

The viability of our local shops. These are the people who get up 6 or 7 days a week to service the public. They pay their rates and taxes and contribute in no small way to their communities as well as to the government coffers. They employ local people and pay tax and prsi for them. These shopkeepers look out for the older person who comes every day and suddenly one day they don't turn up. They deserve more engagement and involvement in the plans which will affect their livelihoods. Otherwise there will be no businesses in the town centre; they will all struggle to survive and close down. We have recently had the bellz cafe open and look forward to a new butchers/deli. We do want to welcome and encourage new business, not the opposite.

The plans are not clear as to the flow of traffic coming from any direction thru the town and onwards if the plan is mainly pedestrianised. These plans will affect the areas not included as it will push cars out onto the

streets not affected. I own two properties in the town. On one occasion when there was a funeral in St. Marys where the crowds and traffic were so large that someone came into my drive and parked on my grass. This is totally unacceptable. Is this really what we want for our town? Where will these people park when burying their dead?

The people of this town deserve more engagement before decisions are made on our behalf. I wonder who was consulted? Please respect us and include us.

Yours Sincerely,  
Evelyn Mulkerrins



## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Patricia Healy  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 15:53  
**To:**  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 - 20-C-03

Dear Ann,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 Reference 20-C-03, received 20<sup>th</sup> October.

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Kind regards,

Patricia

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## Patricia Healy

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**From:** Finbarr Keaney  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 09:56  
**To:** Patricia Healy  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.

Submission received on C-20-03.

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**From:** Pamela Moran **On Behalf Of** planning  
**Sent:** 21 October 2020 08:55  
**To:** Finbarr Keaney; Mairead Shanley  
**Cc:** Bernard Greene  
**Subject:** FW: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.

Hi

Please see Part 8 Submission sent to Planning Inbox.

Regards

Pamela

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**From:**  
**Sent:** 20 October 2020 18:19  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.

I wish to raise objections to the proposals for Mohill Town centre as currently proposed and displayed.

My primary concern with the project as envisaged is the detrimental impact the proposed removal of car parking spaces will have on the the residential and commercial future of the town.

As a resident in the town I believe any loss of parking without a viable alternative will severely impact the vitality and viability of business on the Main Street. In the interests of good retail and accessibility, the existing parking provision in the town should be maintained.

In the interests of an aging population in the greater Mohill area I believe it is imperative to ensure that these people are considered by the planners as many are incapacitated due to health conditions.

In relation to alternative parking spaces I would like to know what the planners have in mind as this is neither clear nor satisfactory.

Regards,  
Ann Coggins



Senior Planner,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Carrick on Shannon,  
Co Leitrim

Dear Sirs,

**Objection To: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.**

I wish to raise objections to the proposals for Mohill Town centre as currently proposed and displayed.

My primary concern with the project as envisaged is the detrimental impact the proposed removal of car parking spaces will have on the residential and commercial future of the town. As a resident and business owner in the town, I believe any loss of parking in the town, without a viable alternative will severely impact the vitality and viability of business on the Main Street. In the interests of good retail and accessibility, the existing parking provision in the town should be maintained.

Regards,

Thomas P Casey

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## Finbarr Keaney

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**From:** Finbarr Keaney  
**Sent:** 19 October 2020 12:24  
**To:**  
**Subject:** RE: Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8

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Dear Adrian

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8 received 19<sup>th</sup> October.

The consultation period to allow any interested party to make any comments or submissions is open until Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. If you have further comments, observations or submissions to make on this matter these should be sent in to the Planning Office, Leitrim County Council, Carrick on Shannon, Co. Leitrim before 4 pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020. All submissions received by 11<sup>th</sup> November will thereafter be duly considered.

Kind regards,  
Finbarr

Finbarr Keaney,  
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**From:** adrian scollan  
**Sent:** 18 October 2020 18:47  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme Part 8

To whom it concerns!

As a resident of Upper main Street for the best part of 2 decades, I feel offended and angered at the proposed developments that are currently in the pipeline for the development of Mohill Town.

It is, as a resident of the Main Street, my fundamental right to object in the highest terms to the proposed developments.

As a resident of Mohill town, of which there are few, I welcome development but not at all costs. Had this proposal been discussed with the residents and view-points taken on board, I feel I would not have to pen this objection.

It is in my opinion that the 'proposal' is being rushed through without any thought the impacts will have on the residents and their parking as well as the obvious impacts on the business communities.

It should also come to the attention of the 'Planning Board' that a focal point with incredible potential, not to mention its proximity to Lough Rynn House and gardens, has been overlooked. The 'Old station House' should be part of any future town development plan.

Please, with all courtesy shown, don't rush through a futile project in a way of using up excess monies.

Please don't disregard the opinions and view-points of the many locals and business people with whom this

project will affect immeasurably. Have the courtesy to allow the people of Mohill a chance to voice their opinions in a way that will benefit the town and that the proposal will not be seen as a 'goodwill gesture' that will benefit none!

I look forward to hearing from you in due course so that concerns of residents and business people can be heard in a democratic way.

Yours sincerely,  
Adrian Scollan  
Upper Main Street,  
Mohill.  
Co.Leitrim





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19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

Ciara Crompton  
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**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 – 2020  
Planning & Development Regulations, 2001 – 2020  
Part 8 Reference No. 20 – C - 03**

A Chara,

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your submission received by email on 19<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 in relation to Part 8 proposal by Leitrim County Council to carry out the following works: -

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The nature of the Public Realm Improvement Scheme includes, inter alia, the widening of footpaths, introduction of shared surface space at identified locations, to provide enhanced pedestrian crossings, access steps as indicated, to replace existing road surfaces, the provision of new lighting in addition to the existing lighting, to relocate identified street furniture and signage, the provision of soft and hard landscaping measures including a vertical landscape feature at the Butter Market, street furniture and to alter the existing on street car parking provision.

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The extent of the works are generally located with the Mohill Architectural Conservation Area.

Is mise, le meas,

**pp Administrative Officer  
Planning Department**



Finbarr Keaney

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**From:** Finbarr Keaney  
**Sent:** 19 October 2020 12:31  
**To:**  
**Cc:** Mairead O'Grady, Patricia Healy  
**Subject:** FW: Public consultation on Mohill improvement plan  
**Attachments:** Leitrim Co Co 1.odt

Dear Ciara,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission by email of 18<sup>th</sup> October 2020 regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.

Kind regards,  
Finbarr

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**From:** Ciara Compton  
**Sent:** 18 October 2020 07:58  
**To:** planning  
**Subject:** Public consultation on Mohill improvement plan

To whom it may concern, see attached my comments on your plan. A hard copy is in the post too.

Thanking you.  
Ciara



Ciara Compton  
Cloonfour  
Rooskey  
Co Roscommon

16<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Planning Department  
Leitrim County Council  
Aras an Chontae  
Carrick on Shannon  
Co Leitrim

To whom it may concern

**Re: Public Realm Improvement Scheme – Mohill**

I was delighted to hear Mohill is to receive some additional investment to improve the town. The people of Mohill have done great work recently – painting, cleaning, creating new walkways etc. The town looks well. It's also lovely to see new businesses open in the town (Bellz and O'Callaghans). But after looking at the plan I'm a little surprised and disappointed to the point I feel the need to write to you. It doesn't appear that you have considered the nature of the town or the people who use it.

Mohill is a commercial town. There are no tourists and at the moment, there isn't even a hotel. The people who use the town come to do specific business (chemist, butcher, newsagent, post office), avail of services (hairdresser, beautician), attend mass or a club. Your concept of a plaza in the middle of the town, where parking is prohibited would seem impractical. It will also take away from the inherent character of an Irish town. This won't bring new businesses or people in.

Under your plan, if I wish to stop at Pauls for the paper and get a roll from Marie's as I often do, I'll have to park on the outskirts. I'm unlikely to do that, particularly if it's raining or I'm in a hurry. I'd have to go to one of the other stores (Stensons, Baxters or the petrol station). Honestly, I'll just pass through. It seems strange that the plan you have to improve Mohill would deny people the opportunity to do what they need/want to do and I expect it would cause a significant reduction in business for some shops.

I don't understand the purpose of removing parking from Main Street since Mohill doesn't suffer from traffic problems. At present, there's plenty of space for traffic on either side of the main street maintaining free flow of two way traffic. Neither is there a problem with long stay parking. I never have a problem finding a spot when I need it and the current footpaths appear sufficient to me.

I believe there is scope to use the money to benefit the town and the people. Some trees and a bench around the football pitch would add to the approach from Dromod taking the hard concrete look away. Completing the pathway out as far as the town boundary on the Carrick road would open up additional walkways that are safe.



At the moment, there are always people walking/running on this road despite there being no paths since it provides links to country back roads and loops around the town. Furthermore, a path here would provide a link to residential areas, allowing more people to walk into town, which is currently not the case. While I welcome the investment to make the town better, I think the plan as proposed will not benefit the people of Mohill or the businesses on the main street and while there's lots of opportunity, this one would not give value for money.

I thank you for the opportunity to provide my feedback.

Yours truly

Ciara Compton







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16<sup>th</sup> October, 2020

Ref: 20-C-03

Brid Greenan  
O/b Pauls,  
Upper Main Street  
Mohill  
County Leitrim

**RE: Planning & Development Acts, 2000 – 2020  
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**Administrative Officer  
Planning Department**



**Finbarr Keaney**

**From:** Finbarr Keaney  
**Sent:** 10 October 2020 12:25  
**To:**  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** FW: 'Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8  
**Attachments:** Pauls Submission to Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.pdf

Dear Bríd,

The Planning Authority acknowledges receipt of your submission by email of 15<sup>th</sup> October 2020 on behalf of Paul's Mohill in regard to the Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8.

Kind regards,  
Finbarr

Finbarr Keaney,  
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**From:** Bríd  
**Sent:** 15 October 2020 16:18  
**To:** Bernard Greene; [pjanning@leitrimcoco.ie](mailto:pjanning@leitrimcoco.ie)  
**Cc:**  
**Subject:** 'Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8

Dear Bernard,

Further to the site notice for Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8 please find attached a Submission with respect to the proposed development on behalf of Pauls, Upper Main Street, Mohill, Co Leitrim.

I would appreciate it if you could confirm that you have received this submission.

thanks

Kind Regards,  
Bríd Greenan



Pauls Mohill  
Upper Main Street  
Mohill  
County Leitrim

The Senior Planner,  
Leitrim County Council,  
Aras an Chontae,  
Carrick-on-Shannon,  
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15<sup>th</sup> October 2020

### **'Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme - Part 8'**

On behalf of Pauls Mohill I warmly welcome Leitrim County Council's proposal to undertake a Public Realm Improvement Scheme within the town centre. Pauls Newsagents and Grocer has provided an essential service on the Main Street of Mohill over the last 55 years. I am delighted to see the Council's proposal for an aesthetic enhancement to the town centre in terms of the enhancement of the existing streetscapes, widening of footpaths, enhanced pedestrian crossings, and the provision of new lighting. However, I have some serious concerns in relation to the plans to alter the existing on street car parking provision and the impact this will have on the following:

#### **1. Economic and Social Viability of the Town Centre:**

Although, I am very impressed by the plans to enhance the centre of Mohill, considering that the town centre has already experienced significant population loss<sup>1</sup> the proposed aesthetic enhancement will only be successful if the economic viability of shops and businesses are sustainable. The planned proposals to significantly reduce parking provision is contrary to Council plans which state:

*'It is the policy of the Planning Authority to support the vitality and viability of existing designated centres and facilitate a competitive and healthy environment for the retailing industry into the future by ensuring that future growth in retail floorspace responds to the identified retail hierarchy. Retail Strategy Policy Objective 3*

*'It is the Policy of the Council to protect and reinforce the existing retail centres and direct retail development to serviced areas. Retail Strategy Policy Objective 6.5C*

Mohill, once a bustling market town, today relies on passing trade and patrons from its hinterland. In the absence of an Economic Impact Assessment Report for the proposed works, I believe that the intended positive gains from enhanced visual amenity will not recoup the potential economic losses which may result, to an already struggling town.

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<sup>1</sup> Leitrim County Development Plan, 2015 – 2021

## 2. Operations during COVID-19

At the date of this letter, Leitrim is deemed to be in the top ten counties most affected by Covid-19,<sup>2</sup> with 49.5% per cent of its commercial units operating in the sectors likely to be worst affected by the virus. This will undoubtedly have an impact on the town centre of Mohill. Furthermore, since March 2020 we have been operating a customer's 'park and collect' system for vulnerable /older people/wheel chair users who do not wish to enter Pauls premises, but instead, ring in their order in advance or request items from their car while staff attend to their request. This system is an informal response to customer needs during Covid-19. If the proposed plan went ahead and on street parking was removed from outside the premises, it would not be possible for Pauls' to provide this essential service.

## 3. Accessibility:

Leitrim is the most rural county in Ireland with an above average proportion of older people<sup>3</sup> with Mohill ED having a much higher average age compared to the rest of the County. Due to the lack of public/rural transport customers and patrons from the surrounding hinterland rely on their car for connectivity to Mohill town centre. As highlighted in the Council's Development Plan *the 'Provision of accessible and functional car parking remains a vital aspect in supporting town centre retail operations'* However, the current proposal outlined in the 'Mohill Public Realm Improvement Scheme will reduce the number of parking bays by 80%<sup>4</sup> on one side of Main Street alone (Area C) and so are at odds with Council plans highlighted above.

I would welcome the opportunity to work with Leitrim County Council (along with the Towns Committee) in ensuring that these plans meet the lived experience and needs of our community. The plans can only be successful or assured if appropriate parking for patrons and customers are provided. While Mohill is categorised as a 'Support Town' to Carrick-on-Shannon, I believe that commuters travelling through Mohill will no longer stop in the town if sufficient parking bays aren't provided to meet customer needs, therefore the proposed plans are contrary to the proper planning and sustainable development of a town, once regarded as prosperous and thriving market town.

Yours Sincerely,

Fintan Greenan

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<sup>2</sup> Covid-19 Regional Economic Analysis Report (2020) The Three Regional Assemblies Ireland

<sup>3</sup> CSO 2011

<sup>4</sup> Currently 10 parking bays from Pauls to Carroll's Corner; proposed 2 (one disabled parking +1 Bay)