

Council do not have biodiversity officer

Shannon Sweeney

Waterford City and County Council do not currently have a biodiversity officer, according to an official from the environment section, the March sitting of Dungarvan-Lismore District Council heard. The

official was responding to a query from Cathaoirleach Niamh O'Donovan, who asked that approach roads into towns and villages are better maintained. She said that everyone is aware of biodiversity initiatives, but asks that the council make the public more aware of how areas are chosen.

“Those approaches are really important. We are very proud of our towns and villages, and there is only so much our ‘Tidy Towns can do,’” said Cllr O'Donovan. The official said she would raise it in the environment section. *Funded under the Local Democracy Reporting Scheme*

Platform launched for bulk sale of whiskey

Alex Cunningham

Interpath Advisory's Mark Degan and Darryl McKenna - the receivers behind Waterford Whisky - have set up a new platform to offload thousands of casks of the premium whiskey brand, according to the Sunday

Times Ireland. Waterford Whisky will be sold alongside products from Powerscourt Distillery, another ill-fated premium whiskey producer. Mr Degan and Mr McKenna have set up 'Prestige Casks', a platform due to go live on March 17. Prestige Casks promises to

allow "strategic buyers" to bypass the decade-long maturation buffer required for high-end whiskey and purchase a multi-year supply at scale. According to the platform, over 70,000 casks will be available to purchase, the equivalent of 17 million whiskey bottles.



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SECTION 38 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC ACT (1994) SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL (SRTS) ACTIVE TRAVEL SCHEME SCOLLAN BHAILE NUA, NEWTOWN, KILMACHTHOMAS, COUNTY WATERFORD

Waterford City and County Council proposes to undertake the construction of traffic calming and pedestrian measures outside Scoil an Bhaile Nua on the L7054 and L8061 at Newtown, Kilmachthomas, County Waterford.

The proposed scheme consists of traffic calming measures, a pedestrian crossing, footpath widening, buildouts, parking realignment, and placemaking including colourful school gateway elements on approaches to the school.

The objectives of the Safe Routes to School programme are to prioritise safe access to the school, improve school visibility through signposting and placemaking, and reduce vehicle congestion at the front of school, as set out on the attached drawing:

The drawing will be available for inspection on Waterford City and County Council's website consult.waterfordcouncil.ie and Customer Services Departments on Bailey's New Street, Waterford City and Davitt's Quay, Dungarvan from **Wednesday 18th March 2026 to Wednesday 15th April 2026**.

The drawing will also be available for inspection at a public consultation event in Lenihan's, Newtown, Kilmachthomas, County Waterford, X42 TH61 from **3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday 18th March 2026**.

The Council will consider any submissions made in writing regarding this proposed scheme. All submissions should be directed to Dylan White, Communications and Behavioural Change Officer, Active Travel Department, Waterford City and

County Council, City Hall, Waterford, by email to activetravel@waterfordcouncil.ie or on the consult.waterfordcouncil.ie to be received by **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday 15th April 2026**.

Please note that submissions, including the names of respondents, submitted to Waterford City and County Council regarding this process will form part of the statutorily required report to be presented at a future meeting of the Comeragh Municipal District of Waterford City and County Council. Accordingly, they may also appear in the public domain.

Gabriel Hynes, A / Director of Services, Roads, Water & Environment.
17th March 2026.



Newtown, Kilmachthomas, Co. Waterford
Section 38 - Road Traffic Act 1994 - Safe Routes to School
Date: Mar 2026
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