

Report to Planning and Environmental Issues Committee

Re: Traffic Issues in Town Relating to Lorries and Trucks

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 To advise the committee of ongoing problems regarding large lorries and trucks driving through the Town Centre and causing traffic problems instead of using the bypass.
- 1.2 Large vehicles making deliveries during the daytime and again causing traffic issues and gridlocks, potentially preventing Emergency Vehicles from accessing parts of Town in an emergency.
- 1.3 To seek a way forward to minimise the negative effect of this type of traffic, whilst recognising that deliveries are essential for local High St business.

2. Background

- 2.1 The effect of large vehicles travelling through the Town Centre has been raised on occasion before. However an incident on 6th June 2013 at approx 9am in the High St and Cross Hayes Car Park has highlighted the seriousness of this problem. Should an emergency vehicle have needed access through town then this would not have been possible for some time. Large lorries in the High St during busy times inconvenience residents and other motorists. Although it is of course recognised that deliveries are essential for local High St business.



Photographs taken 6th June 2013 approx 9.am (Tris Cork)

3. Proposal

- 3.1 A working party is set up to arrange a meeting with our local Police, Chamber of Commerce, any of our High St shops and businesses, the High St Co-Op and members of CATG (inc. MTC representative) to discuss these issues and seek solutions. (N.B. Potential actions could be arranging a week's survey of lorry traffic and if the results evidence a problem, then proposing possible solutions such as restricted delivery times and possibly better road signage to the bypass).

4. Financial Implications and risks

- 4.1 No financial implications from initial discussions. Unknown potential costs in the future depending on actions arising from discussions.

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