



**Submission to the Clare County Development Plan 2023-2029**

**Place making and Regeneration**

To provide improved signage and signalled controls on either side of the bridge to inform users of the proximate main Junction.

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## 1. Proposal

Clonlara bridge over the headrace canal leading to and from the Killaloe is essentially a single lane bridge, resulting in congestion and frustration for users. Many of our older residents on the north side of this bridge no longer drive to the village as they are afraid to use this bridge.

Health and safety issue – particularly in mornings and evenings during creche and school drop-off and collections it becomes very congested in the village and not all drivers respect the “first on the bridge” rule.

Clonlara Development Group has recently formed a Community First Responder Group, in the event of a medical emergency such as an out-of-hospital cardiac arrest or stroke every second counts with regard to the impact on patient morbidity and mortality. It's essential that first responders such as the National Ambulance Service and volunteers on the community can traverse the bridge without impediments and delays.

While CDG understands it's not possible to install traffic lights at the Killaloe road side surely it's possible to have a warning system on that side and a signalling at the village side that would allow smooth crossing of the bridge.

We urge the council to install a warning system at the earliest.

In the long term as Clonlara grows and expands the requirement for a new bridge will have to be included in future long term plans.

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