

Pavement Condition in vicinity of Mr. McEleney's House, Aghoos

In respect of the statement made by Mr McEleney regarding the proposal for Traffic Management passing his home, we can confirm the following:

The L1202 section adjacent to Mr McEleney's (approximate chainage E5+375) has an average width of 4.8m.

In 2009, Mayo County Council carried out pavement strengthening works and constructed a new boundary retaining wall to Mr McEleney's house.

The pavement strengthening works comprised the following:

- 100mm regulating layer of wet mix material;
- 100mm base (binder) course DBM material
- Double surface dressing.

Mayo County Council has also confirmed that this reinforced concrete retaining wall was constructed under design and excavated down to a firm strata. This strengthened road, with smooth road running surface and the reconstructed wall with foundations down to a firm strata will significantly mitigate against any noise and vibration impacts that may result from HCV traffic passing the house.

A visual inspection of the road surface on the 24th September 2010, has confirmed that the pavement surface is still in a good condition with a smooth running surface.

As specified in section 6.9 of the Traffic Management Plan (TMP) as included as Appendix E of the EIS, a maximum speed limit of 60km/h has been imposed for HCVs on the Haul Route with some exceptions where convoy operations and pinch points apply. One such pinch point is near Mr. McEleney's House and as a result the speed limit for HCVs between chainage E5+345 to E5+430 (i.e. passing Mr. McEleney's house) is proposed at 30km/h. This is presented on drawing 6013-1015 revision B as submitted in the Addendum. This speed restriction has been proposed for traffic safety reasons due to road width. However, the reduced speed has the added benefit of reducing potential noise and vibration effects.

As noted in section 6.14 of the TMP, the L1202 will also be closely monitored in conjunction with Mayo County Council for any surface deterioration during haulage activities. Any damage will be repaired without delay.